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## Beacon Credit Union to Hold Free Community Shred Day on Saturday

Beacon Credit Union will be hosting a free Community Shred Day from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 6 at 641 S. Miami St., Wabash. This event is open to the community and allows residents to destroy sensitive documents and help prevent identity theft. Items recommended to shred include past tax documents, bank and credit card statements and other sensitive documents including mail with personal information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, or account information. Beacon Credit Union will have personnel on-site to help direct drivers to the shredding truck. Small paper clips and staples do not need to be removed. There will be a limit of three boxes measuring 18 inches by 12 inches by 15 inches per vehicle.

## WACT invites community 'behind the curtain' on Sunday

After searching for more than two decades, a local arts nonprofit organization is ready to finally show off its new facility to the community. The Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) will host a public open house in early August to show the transformation of the South Side property, which has been dubbed "The WACTory" by the board. The open house will include guided tours, live entertainment for visitors and a backstage look at the set for WACT's upcoming fall musical, "Guys and Dolls." The event will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 at 1620-1640 S. Wabash St. Those who would like to support the facility project may do so by sending a check to Wabash Area Community Theater at P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992, with "Building" in the memo line. For those who would like to give online, a GoFundMe page titled "WACT Building Fundraiser" has also been created for the project. It can be found on the Wabash Area Community Theater Facebook page or by searching www.gofundme.com. Those who are interested in making a gift, but would like more information, may contact Vanderpool by email at vanderpob@yahoo.com or call 765-661-8206; or contact Board Member Beth Miller by email at beth@wabashmillers.com or by calling 260-568-1128. For more information, visit www.wabashtheater.org or email wabashtheater@gmail.com.

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# Walorski, two staff members, other driver killed in a two-vehicle crash

Elkhart County Sheriff's Office was called to the scene shortly after noon

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, was killed Wednesday in a car accident in her northern Indiana Second District, according to



WALORSKI

was killed in a car accident this afternoon," said chief of staff Tim Cummings. "She has returned home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please keep

her office.

"Dean Swihart, Jackie's husband, was just informed by the Elkhart County Sheriff's office that Jackie

her family in your thoughts and prayers. In addition to the devastating loss of Congresswoman Walorski, it is with a broken heart that I announce the passing of two dedicated members of her staff, Zach Potts and Emma Thomson. They were the epitome of public servants who cared deeply about the work they performed on behalf of the constituents of Indiana's Second Congressional District."

The Elkhart County Sheriff's Office said they were called to the scene of a two-vehicle crash shortly after noon, according to the Associated Press. Police said a car traveled left of the center lane and collided head-on with an SUV Walorski was riding in, killing Walorski, 58, Potts and Thompson.

A 55-year-old woman driving the other car, Edith Schmucker, was also killed

in the crash, police said.

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb directed flags in the state to be flown at half-staff in honor of Walorski, who passed today.

"Flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until the date of her burial," said press secretary Erin Murphy. "Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags."

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# Local libraries close the books on this year's summer reading programs



Provided photos

The NMPL had 771 adults, kids, and teens sign up for the "Marvel-ous Summer Reading Program."

Hundreds of patrons attend events, clock tens of thousands of hours of reading

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Local libraries are closing the books on yet another successful summer of reading.

## WCPL

Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) community outreach coordinator Rachel Castle, said 369 patrons participated in its "incredible" summer reading program.

Castle said a return to in-person programming

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Patrons of the WCPL celebrate with "Puppets and Popcorn."

# Woman's Clubhouse to hold annual Gene Stratton-Porter Birthday Party

The 'famous, beloved author' was born on Aug. 16, 1863 on a small farm near Lagro

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Woman's Clubhouse is preparing for its yearly celebration of local author Gene Stratton-Porter.

The annual Gene Stratton-Porter Birthday Party will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 770 W. Hill St., said president Ellen Stouffer.

The "famous, beloved au-

thor" was born on Aug. 16, 1863 on a small farm near Lagro.

"Come learn more about her legacy and share this special evening with us," said Stouffer.

Stouffer said the party will start at 6 p.m. with a cake and ice cream celebration, followed by the showing of one of Stratton-Porter's black and white movies.

"We will, of course, serve popcorn, soda and old-fashioned movie candy," said Stouffer. "A very special raffle basket will be up for grabs with a theme of 'Limberlost,' Gene's home after her marriage."

Stouffer said reservations would be accepted before Sunday, Aug. 14 by calling 260-571-5339. The cost will be \$10 per person and the raffle will be \$5 per ticket. Cash or credit will be accepted.

Stratton-Porter was born in the Hopewell neighborhood northeast of Lagro, as local historian Pete Jones has written several times for the Plain Dealer.

"Born Geneva Stratton in 1863, she was the author of books that sold millions of copies, and her name was all but a household word in

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Provided photo by the Indiana Historical Society

The Indiana Historical Society collection includes candid photographs of Stratton-Porter and her family.





Provided photo

A venue of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Charley Creek Gardens is located in the heart of Wabash and is dedicated to the study, conservation, and appreciation of plants, both native and foreign, through garden displays and education. There is no admission fee, and the gardens are open from dawn to dusk all year.

# Charley Creek Gardens to present August ‘Lunch & Learn’

The presentation will take an in-depth look at earthworms

STAFF REPORT

The Charley Creek Gardens 2022 “Lunch & Learn” series will continue with “The Earth Moved” at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 551 N. Miami St., according to digital marketing manager Kaitlynn Still. “The presentation will take an in-depth look at earthworms, based on the book, ‘The Earth Moved by Amy

Stewart,” said Still. “The presentation will take guests on a subterranean adventure to seek out the planet’s most important gatekeeper: the humble earthworm.” Still said the “Lunch & Learn” series is sponsored by the city of Wabash and “offers guests the opportunity to pack a lunch and enjoy an informative presentation in the Charley Creek Gardens Education and Resource Center.” Upcoming presentations include Landscape & Weed Identification on Wednesday, Sept. 21; Resist Technique Painting on Wednesday, Oct.

19; and Poinsettia Cards on Wednesday, Nov. 16. “A venue of Honeywell Arts & Entertainment, the Charley Creek Gardens is located in the heart of Wabash and is dedicated to the study, conservation, and appreciation of plants, both native and foreign, through garden displays and education,” said Still. “There is no admission fee, and the gardens are open from dawn to dusk all year.” Admission is free, with reservations required due to limited seating. Reservations may be made by visiting [www.honeywellarts.org](http://www.honeywellarts.org) or calling 260-563-1102.

# Common Ground Prayer Ministry plans ‘Back to School Prayer’

STAFF REPORT

Common Ground Prayer Ministry has planned a “Back to School Prayer” at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 at various locations, according to Angie Penix. “Join a group at Wabash schools,” said Penix. Penix said Common Ground Prayer Ministry will be joining Bachelor Creek Church of

Christ for the events. Locations for the events include Metro North Elementary, Sharp Creek Elementary, Northfield Jr/Sr High School, L.H. Carpenter Early Learning Center, O.J. Neighbors Elementary, Wabash Middle School/High School, Southwood Elementary, Southwood Jr/Sr High School, Manchester Jr/Sr High School, North Mi-

ami Jr/Sr High School, White’s Family & Residential Services, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ (for homeschool and private schools’ students), Emmanuel Christian School and St. Bernard School. For more information, call Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047, Dave Snowdon at 937-776-3378 or Debbie Sweet and 260-571-6072.

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5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday

Isolated T-storms

86 / 72

Sunday

Isolated T-storms

89 / 73

Monday

Scattered T-storms

86 / 70

Tuesday

Scattered T-storms

80 / 64

Wednesday

Few Showers

81 / 65

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:50 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:48 a.m.

Full

8/11

Last

8/19

New

8/27

First

9/3

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 35% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 75%. South southwest wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 72°. South wind 7 mph.



Provided photo

Indiana Landmarks Northeast Field Office director Paul Hayden will present “Indiana’s Ten Most Endangered Places” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Dr. James Ford Historic Home, 177 W. Hill St.

# Dr. Ford Home to host Paul Hayden of Indiana Landmarks

The event will focus on ‘Indiana’s Ten Most Endangered Places’

STAFF REPORT

Indiana Landmarks Northeast Field Office director Paul Hayden will present “Indiana’s Ten Most Endangered Places” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 at the Dr. James Ford His-

toric Home, 177 W. Hill St., according to Honeywell Arts & Entertainment digital marketing director Kaitlynn Still. “Hayden will showcase threatened structures on Indiana Landmarks’ annual list as well as the fates, positive and negative, of places that have previously appeared on the list,” said Still. Admission to the lecture is

free for members of the Dr. Ford Home, and \$4 for the public. Tickets are available by visiting [www.honeywellarts.org](http://www.honeywellarts.org) or calling 260-563-1102. Still said Dr. Ford Home events are made possible “by the generous support” of Ford Meter Box Foundation and Mosier’s Tarp. For more information, visit [www.drfordhome.org](http://www.drfordhome.org).

# Man gets life in killing of girlfriend, 3 kids

FORT WAYNE (AP) — An Indiana man convicted of killing his girlfriend and her three young children was sentenced Friday to four life sentences without the possibility of parole. The sentence imposed by Allen County Superior Court Judge Fran Gull came about three months after a jury found Cohen Hancz-Barron, 22, of

Fort Wayne, guilty of four counts of first-degree murder. The jury, at the request of prosecutors, had recommended a sentence of life without parole. “I can recall no circumstance this court has witnessed that was as horrific as this crime,” Gull said. Hancz-Barron chose not to attend the hearing, The (Fort Wayne) Journal Ga-

zette reported. During the seven-day trial, prosecutors presented evidence that in June 2021 Hancz-Barron used a knife to kill Sarah Nicole Zent, 26; her sons, 5-year-old Carter Matthew Zent and 3-year-old Ashton Duwayne Zent; and her 2-year-old daughter, Aubree Christine Zent, in their Fort Wayne home.

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# Obituaries

## Charles R. Tiede

Oct. 18, 1929 - July 31, 2022



Charles R. Tiede, 92, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 9:15 pm, Sunday, July 31, 2022, in the comfort of his home. He was born on Oct. 18, 1929, in Walkerton, Indiana, to Charles L. Tiede and Margeurite (Gunn) Birk.

Charles graduated from Walkerton High School in 1947 with plans to attend Indiana Barber College. A quick detour to Ball State University led to a degree in Social Studies and Business Education in 1951. From there he served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. Upon discharge from the Army, Charles entered the School of Law at Indiana University in Bloomington where he was Editor of the Indiana Law Review and salutatorian of his graduating class. While working on the Law Review, he met the love of his life Julie Godo. They married on Oct. 6, 1956 and settled in Indianapolis where he worked in the Legal Department at Bell Telephone Company. In 1959 Charles moved to Wabash where he opened his own law firm and immediately began making an impact upon the community. He was instrumental in the formation of the Metropolitan School District Wabash County. He served as School Board attorney for 50 years. He was active in local politics and served as campaign manager for Mayor Robert Mitten. During Mayor Mitten's tenure, Charles served as Wabash City Attorney. In 1962 Charles saw the need for a second bank in Wabash. On his own initiative he contacted local people for sup-

port, formed the necessary committees and boards, recruited potential stockholders and eventually, in 1963, Frances Slocum Bank opened its doors in a trailer on the corner of Cass and Market Streets. While continuing to maintain a busy law practice, Charles served for almost a year as the first President of Frances Slocum Bank. He was an active member of the Board of Directors until his retirement. In 1963, Charles was selected to receive the Wabash Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. During that year he was President of the Wabash Chamber of Commerce. One of Charles' passions was his work with the Honeywell Foundation. Serving as President of the Foundation for nine years, he worked strenuously to raise money for the construction of the new Honeywell Center which is considered to be the crown jewel of the Wabash community. Charles served as attorney for the North Manchester Town Board for 40 years. Charles' strong faith in Jesus Christ led him to serve his local church. He taught Lutheran Catechism classes at Zion Lutheran

Church, opened his home (along with wife Julie) to local youth for Bible Study and was a leader in the Full Gospel Business Mens Organization. As a member of St John Lutheran Church in Peru, he served as Director of the Lay Ministry Board for 10 years. Charles served the youth of Wabash as Club President of the Honeywell Swim Club, was an active member of the Wabash Exchange Club, serving as President for several terms; was President of the Wabash Community Centennial Executive Committee in 1966; and he headed Wabash County committees raising funds for the Indiana University Foundation. In 2004 Charles was the recipient of the distinguished Sagamore of the Wabash award; in 2006 he was Distinguished Citizen by the Wabash County Chamber of Commerce; in 2010 then Governor Mitch Daniels named him a Distinguished Hooiser and in 2011 was the first recipient of the Distinguished Lawyer Award from Wabash County. Charles never sought accolades for his work. His free time was primarily spent with family first and his other loves second – the Frances Slocum Bank, the Honeywell Foundation and the myriad of other activities that are mentioned. He never entered into service for this community looking for monetary compensation or newspaper headlines. He did all these things because he saw a need, had a vision of a better way, or just plain had the desire to serve his community. He loved IU Football and basketball, gardening and grow-

ing pumpkins, and baking breads, cakes and cookies.

He is survived by four daughters, Karen (Monte) Moffett of Porter, Indiana, Kathryn (Bryan) Meyers of Canoga Park, California, Julianne (Michael Smith) Tiede of Wabash, and Margo (Mark White) Tiede-White of Indianapolis, Indiana; ten grandchildren, Trey Moffett of Katy, Texas, Leah Meyers of Indianapolis, Lauren (Adam) Hiatt of Pendleton, Indiana, Alexandria (Gary) Nunez of Reseda, California, Aaron (Eleanor Wyant) Smith of Dorchester Center, Massachusetts, Adam (Skyla Turner) Smith of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Ava Smith of Wabash, Megan Tiede-White and Mattingly Tiede-White, both of Indianapolis, and Michelle Bailey; ten great-grandchildren; his brother Loren Tiede; and his sister Lorraine Moerman. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Julie, his son, Franklin Tiede, and his brother Jack Tiede.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at St. Johns Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Kenneth A. Greenwald officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 pm Friday, Aug. 5, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Franklin S. Tiede Memorial Scholarship at the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

The memorial guest book for Charles may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Sara Ellan Miracle

Dec. 10, 1941 - Aug. 2, 2022



Sara Ellan Miracle, 80, of Kokomo, Indiana, longtime resident of Wabash, Indiana died at 5:00 am, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2022, at her home. She was born on Dec. 10, 1941, in Boones Camp, Kentucky, to Elbert and Alberta (Penix) Daniels.

Sara was a 1957 graduate of Meade Memorial High School. She married James Edward Miracle in Wabash on Feb. 26, 1966. Sara worked at Wabash Magnetics, retiring after 31 years. She devoted her time to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, James Edward Miracle, Sr. of Kokomo; two children, Alesia (Thomas) Whittaker of Kokomo, and James Edward (Gretchen) Miracle, Jr. of Bunker Hill, Indiana; five grandchildren, Ambre (Landon) Hayden of Logansport, Indiana, Joshua Brubaker of Fort

Wayne, Indiana, Jacob (Kasey) Brubaker of Liberty, Indiana, Cynthia Miracle of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Savanna Miracle of Bunker Hill; nine great grandchildren; and two sisters, Darlene (Virgil) Baldrige and Nola (Larry) Hamilton, both of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sister, Stella Walters.

Funeral services will be 3:00 pm, Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 1:30-3:00 pm Saturday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

The memorial guest book for Sara may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

## Mary Steller

Oct. 17, 1930 - Aug. 2, 2022

Mary Steller, 91, North Manchester died Aug. 2, 2022. She was born on Oct. 17, 1930, in Kokomo, to Lacey Elwood and Florence Naomi (Pratt) Hullinger.

Mary is survived by her sons, Tom (Dianne) Dugan, Larry (Deborah) Steller, Mike (Sue) Steller, and Steve (Kim) Steller; daughter, Janet Harmon; eighteen grandchildren and many great and

great-great grandchildren.

Calling Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## Ernest E. 'Ernie' Holbrook

Sept. 1, 1952 - Aug. 3, 2022

Ernest E. "Ernie" Holbrook, 69, of Wabash, Indiana, passed away on August 3, 2022.

Visitation for family and friends will be 4-7 p.m. on

August 8, 2022, at McDonald Funeral Home 231 Falls Ave. Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

### Bachelor Creek Church of Christ

Online services are available by visiting [www.bachelorcreek.com](http://www.bachelorcreek.com).

### Christ United Methodist Church

Worship service will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/](http://www.facebook.com/ChristUMCWabash/).

### Christian Heritage Church

Streaming services online and broadcast on 95.9 FM.

### College Corner Brethren Church

College Corner Brethren Church is now holding in-person services at 10:15 a.m. Sundays at 8996 S. 500 West, with Pastor Solomon David. The sermons are still on YouTube and Facebook.

### Common Ground Prayer House

The Common Ground Prayer House will be open to the public from 8 to 10 a.m. Mondays, except holidays, at 78 W. Hill St. For more information, call Jennifer Mahan at 260-571-8063, Shirley Neale at 260-591-0047 or Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072.

### Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, Aug. 7, at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two Sunday morning services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with Sunday

school classes for all ages from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both services will be, "Postage prepaid," from Romans 6:23. The Communion Table will be served by Chuck Marion and Brad Frieden. There will be a Children's Church for the 10:30 a.m. service to be led by Kelly and Lynnette Good. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning Sunday, Aug. 7.

### LaFontaine Christian Church

The LaFontaine Christian Church pre-records the sermon which is then available for all to view at [www.lafontainechristian.com](http://www.lafontainechristian.com) under the sermons tab, stated Pastor Brad Wright.

### LaFontaine United Methodist Church

Pastor Susan Shambaugh says that her LaFontaine United Methodist Church is showing replay videos on their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/LaFontaine-United-Methodist-Church>. In-person services start at 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

### Lincolnvile United Methodist Church

Lincolnvile United Methodist, 5848 E. 500 South, is going back to one worship service. The worship service is at 10 a.m., and Sunday school is at 9 a.m. For more information, email [pastorjohn1954@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjohn1954@gmail.com) or call 260-563-1406.

### Living Faith Lutheran Church

Welcome to our in-person worship service at 10:10 a.m.

Sundays at Living Faith Lutheran Church, 242 S. Huntington St. Bible study and Sunday school are at 9 a.m. for all ages. The sanctuary is arranged for social distancing. Masks are encouraged and available. Online services are at 10:10 a.m., with pre-service music at 10 a.m. For virtual services and more information, visit [www.livingfaithwabash.org](http://www.livingfaithwabash.org).

### Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting [www.manchestercob.net](http://www.manchestercob.net). Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, "Manchester CoB YouTube Channel." After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search "Manchester Church of the Brethren," and click on the circle profile.

### North Manchester Congregational Christian Church

Pastor Sebrena Cline stated live streaming begins on their Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sundays for the North Manchester Congregational Christian Church, and lasts 30 to 40 minutes.

### North Manchester Missionary Church

The North Manchester Missionary Church is streaming live on its Facebook page at 10 a.m. Sunday. The video is then placed on their webpage, which can be viewed by visiting NMMC1.com.

### Olive Branch Church of God

The Olive Branch Church of God live-streams Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Find it through Facebook, by searching Olive Branch Church, or by visiting [www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch](http://www.facebook.com/myolivebranchchurch) or through the church website [www.olivebranch.church](http://www.olivebranch.church). Click "Live Streaming" at the top, then click the series icon (lion head).

### Richvalley United Methodist Church

Worship at Richvalley United Methodist Church begins at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at 290 N. Jefferson St. Sunday school begins at 10:45 a.m. For more information, call 260-563-1033 or email [rvumc@hotmail.com](mailto:rvumc@hotmail.com).

### Southside Free Will Baptist

Streaming on their Facebook page.

### St. Patrick's Church

The historic St. Patrick's Church, 950 Main St., Lagro, will hold mass days on Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

### Sweetwater Assembly of God

Streaming services online using the normal service schedule.

### Urbana Yoke Parish

Rev. Larry Wade of the Urbana Yoke Parish stated that his congregation posts Sunday services to [www.urbanayokeparish.com](http://www.urbanayokeparish.com).

Go to the menu line at the top of the page and select "Worship Videos." The most recent one will appear first. Sunday services are posted by noon every Tuesday.

### Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Welcome to Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 110 W. Hill St. In-person worship is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary or via live stream for the church at home on the Wabash Christian YouTube Channel. Access is also available on our Facebook page and website [wabashchristian.org](http://wabashchristian.org). Stephen Eberhard is the Minister.

### Wabash Church of the Brethren

At Wabash Church of the Brethren, 645 Bond St., services will be at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in person. Masks are recommended. There is no children's church or Sunday school at this time. You may reach Pastor Doug Veal at the church office, 260-563-5291, on his cell phone at 260-225-3014, or by email at [pastordoug@wabashcob.org](mailto:pastordoug@wabashcob.org).

### Wabash Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Kirk Johnson, of the Wabash Church of the Nazarene, stated their service is available on YouTube on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Find it by going to YouTube and searching for "Wabash Nazarene" or searching Facebook for the Wabash Church of the Nazarene. Another option is to visit [www.wabashnaz.com](http://www.wabashnaz.com), look for the home page, and find "Latest

Sermon."

### Walk by Faith Community Church

At the Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann, Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship and children's worship services begin at 10 a.m. The Walk by Faith Youth ministry meets at 5 p.m. every Sunday. "All are welcomed and we would love for you to join us," said Pastor Judy Tyner. For more information, visit [www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com](http://www.walkbyfaithcommunitychurch.com).

### Wabash First Church of God

At the 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7 worship service at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Pastor Robb Rensberger will speak on, "The trumpet call of God." The sermon may also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Dorothy Carpenter, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Tina Eakright, special music; Nancy Kolb, organ; and Rose Sands, piano.

### Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash

Pastor Jerry Gauthier says that the Zion Lutheran Church of Wabash is streaming through their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/zionwabash](http://www.facebook.com/zionwabash) at 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

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## PARTY

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the early 20th century," said Jones in March 2020. "In 1886, after attending Wabash High School, she married Charles Darwin Porter, a well-to-do businessman from the Decatur area. The

couple took up residence on the edge of the Limberlost Swamp in eastern Indiana, and it was there Gene's interest in both writing and the serious study of nature began to blossom. The gift of a camera in 1895 kindled Stratton-Porter's interest in photographing wildlife and plants, according to

the article. She created a makeshift darkroom in a bathroom where she developed and printed amazing pictures of the natural world around her. By 1919 Stratton-Porter was in California, writing and making movies based on some of her most successful novels. She died in an automobile

accident in Los Angeles in 1924 at the age of 61."

Jones said in 2017, the Indiana Historical Society noted their large archival collection of Stratton-Porter materials available both online and in the organization's William H. Smith Memorial Library at the Eugene and Marilyn

Glick Indiana History Center at 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis. The IHS collection includes candid photographs of Stratton-Porter and her family, including pictures of her nephew, Donald F. Wilson, who once lived in Wabash. There are letters to and from the author and her

sisters, her daughter, and her father, Mark Stratton. The archival collection can be found at [images.indianahistory.org](http://images.indianahistory.org) or items can be used at the Indiana Historical Society.

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# Opinion

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## LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

Philippians 2:3

# Kansas voters spoke loudly on abortion

The nation now knows, and the world: Kansas remains a free state. In a stunning display of common sense, Kansas voters Tuesday overwhelmingly rejected a constitutional amendment that would have put abortion policy completely in the hands of the Legislature, and the governor. It was a victory on several fronts. First, and most important, it was a victory for women. Kansans said in a loud, unmistakable voice that women can and should be trusted with the most intimate questions of their own health and safety. It was also a victory for voters, who defied predictions of a low turnout and cast ballots in churches, gyms, city halls and community centers. Many voted early. Voters were able to dissect puzzling ballot language, purposely designed to confuse and intimidate. They rejected false nonsense from anti-abortion groups, including several ludicrous attempts to link the vote to so-called critical race theory, or defunding police. A last-minute text message, apparently authorized by a group run by former U.S. Rep. Tim Huel-skamp, was quickly disregarded as a bald-faced lie. Tuesday was also a victory for Kansans who oppose heavy-handed government intervention in private deci-

sions. In 2019, the Kansas Supreme Court said a woman's right to choose abortion is inalienable – it cannot be taken away. It was the right decision. In 2022, Kansas voters overwhelmingly endorsed that view. In a normal environment, opponents of abortion rights would take "no" for an answer. Don't count on it. We fully expect state lawmakers to push anti-choice bills next year, particularly if a Republican is elected governor. Those laws will then be tested in court. Remember, the state Supreme Court has said some restrictions on abortion are still allowed. The rules must meet a tough standard, but they're legal. There will be an attempt in November to dislodge sitting Kansas Supreme Court judges. Don't fall for it. The same voters who endorsed choice Tuesday should endorse the court as well. While deeply satisfying, Tuesday's victory should not be a reason for gloating, or pointing fingers. Abortion remains difficult, divisive and morally difficult. That's the main reason government should stay out of the decision-making process for women. At the same time, we should not forget the attempt by

some faith leaders to inject themselves – and millions of dollars – into the campaign. We said faith could be an important factor in Tuesday's decision, but that no church has a right to impose its views on those who believe other ways, or not at all. That lesson must remain embedded in Kansas politics. It's particularly galling that so-called religious leaders embraced a campaign deeply reliant on misinformation and lies to try to convince voters. The rhetoric was appalling. We hope legislators learned an important lesson, too. Kansas Republicans wanted to hold the election in a sleepy August primary, and wanted to obfuscate their intentions with muddled ballot language. They got their wish. Voters brushed them aside. Don't try that again. In the days ahead, pundits will analyze the Kansas results, and try to apply them to other states. We welcome that work. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito said states, not women, should decide this issue. Now Kansas, among the most conservative states in the nation, has answered his call. Again, congratulations to Kansans who voted to trust women. It was a vote that will be remembered for 100 years. – This editorial was first published in the Kansas City Star.

# Acting with independence

By STEVE EBERLY

Too often, it seems like we're faced with "either/or" decisions. With something as important as energy security, it's not one or the other – it's all of the above. Hoosiers across the state are supporting the development of new options that help to diversify our sources of energy. Of course, we will continue to need a robust supply of oil and to a lesser extent coal. But that shouldn't be at the exclusion of new investments in renewable options like wind and solar. Particularly in Indiana, there are parts of our state very close to major electrical transmission lines that make our state a hotbed for farming the sun. As implausible as that seems, the nation's largest solar farm is planned not for some desert out west – but northern Indiana. All over the state, more than 120 solar projects are either already generating electricity or being planned now. These are new developments going into pro-growth areas of our state that understand the value of market-driven clean energy. An added benefit is the improvement we'll see in slowing climate change. Plus "farming the sun" is sustainable and a financial windfall for communities that have added miles of new roads, fired up broadband for county residents, built new community centers, and broken ground with new schools – all with revenue from renewable energy projects. Major employers in the auto industry, Amazon, Cummins, and more have access to renewable energy as a checklist for expansion projects. Recently, a huge new \$2.5 billion battery plant was announced for Kokomo – just one example of how downstream investments in renewable technology can have a positive impact on the Hoosier state. Ask anyone in Howard County if 1,400 new battery plant jobs are going to make a difference – because the answer is a resounding yes. And that's just one example of how Indiana communities can create new jobs while increasing economic output and saving taxpayer dollars through clean energy development. Projects like these that are in the works will especially help Indiana's rural communities that have suffered from a lack of investment coupled with rising energy costs. Investments such as these don't happen without leadership, and from the top down, we continue to see many of our elected officials supporting smart, pro-growth clean energy and climate policies that increase, rather than threaten economic opportunities for Hoosiers. Let's keep pushing clean and renewable energy forward through market-driven policies that balance our desire to reduce emissions with the need to create jobs and power a strong, stable economy with reliable and affordable energy. I believe we owe it to the next generation to weigh the benefits and forge ahead responsibly to build a new future less dependent on any one or two sources of energy. Let us diversify and become energy independent. Let us have the courage to lead, and not just follow – to make Indiana the best place we can for the benefit of those who own the land, those who farm it, those who depend on it, and all of us who need energy independence to grow and to thrive. Steve Eberly, of Pine Village, is executive director of Hoosiers for Renewables.



# My 750th column

This summer marks my 750th weekly column on these pages. That translates into about 500,000 words or 10 average-sized novels. I thank those of you who diligently read this column, as do the editors of the 25 or so outlets that publish my work each week.

The column began in the summer of 2007, as I arrived in Muncie to direct Ball State's Center for Business and Economic Research. The opportunity to write this column came with the job, and I am grateful for that opportunity. I'm especially grateful for the advice and

guidance from so many local newspaper folks, particularly at Muncie's Star Press. I'm not a journalist, but I have come to respect local correspondents and grieve for the deep losses the industry has faced over the past 15 years.

I view this column as a rare privilege to share economic research and public policy ideas with a wider audience. I think many Americans value a thoughtful, plain-spoken effort to outline economic issues that affect our lives. That is a modest departure from my real job as an academic economist.

Almost everything I've written about in these columns is directly drawn from my own technical research. When I write about someone else's work, or something unrelated to my own work, I usually make that very clear. The reasons for sticking to my own work are twofold. First, my day job is too demanding to permit much unrelated reading. Thus, almost everything I read is connected to the research I am doing. Second, I don't think anyone cares about my opinions. If what I write is interesting, it is because it reflects

the technical research my colleagues and I are performing.

Looking back on the topics I most frequently cover, it is clear that labor market issues pertaining to jobs, unemployment and wages are the largest share of my work. These topics are interesting because they are mostly the result of market outcomes that affect nearly all of us. These are relatively easy issues to write about because an enormous amount of data is released each month on employment and wages.

The second-most frequently covered topic is that relating to public budgets, taxes, economic development activities and government efficiency. These affect all of us in many ways we might not understand. Differences in public service quality accounts for about one-third of the difference in home values among locations. Public services are important determinants of your child's success after school, and the effectiveness of public safety affects economic growth in your community.

Too much of the discussion about tax and spending focuses on the wrong issues, such as how to cut tax rates or pay public employees better. The critical question is really about how we might improve quality to the necessary levels while still keeping costs low. After all, businesses and families don't shop on quality or price alone at the grocery, car lot or their next home or office. I'd like to think I've made this point with sufficient clarity to change the statehouse debate, but I somehow doubt that.

The third-largest target of my columns has been education, broadly defined. Mostly this writing has been about how educational attainment affects our state and local economies. Very little has been about issues directly related to the

inner workings of universities or public schools. Those things aren't very interesting.

The importance of education should be obvious. The prominence of human capital in explaining differences in prosperity has grown substantially over the past half century. Today, differences in the share of adults with a college degree explains three-quarters of the variation in prosperity between counties, and nearly all the economic growth. As I've written in numerous columns, the only jobs available for people who've not been to college are a share of those vacated by retirees. That is perhaps good for the individual worker, but it won't grow an economy.

What I write about has changed as well. In 2007 through the first half of 2008, Indiana was in the midst of enormous policy changes in taxation and education funding at the state level. I wrote several columns and a great deal of technical research on these subjects. Of course, the Great Recession pushed every economist to think about the influence a deep downturn would have on jobs and wages.

As the economy grew less volatile, I was able to write about some of the return to normalcy. I wrote about seasonal effects on household and business consumption, the effects of gambling, immigration, right to work, labor unions and immigration.

The 2015 political debates reflected heavily on international trade and automation. Here my research and columns tried to explain the relative influence of the two, without much success. There are still too many folks who think factory job losses were dominated by international trade. It has always been automation, not China, but we still got a counterproductive trade war with China, and fewer factory jobs. The COVID pandemic gave the

world economy the largest jolt since the Great Depression, so a substantial share of my writing focused on the pandemic and its ongoing effects. Much of this reflected the research conducted by my colleagues and I at Ball State. Much of what I write about today was caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and our response to it.

Columns like mine are designed to help people think about issues they might otherwise not read about. My hope is that better knowledge helps voters and policymakers take interest that leads to change. I can't credit my column with changing anyone's mind, or altering any policy. Still, I have an inexhaustible supply of ink. That lets me keep writing about problems until they are taken seriously, which at least provides the illusion that what I write has some influence.

I was drawn to this job in 2007 because Indiana was such a fertile place for policy innovation. The Gov. Daniels administration was urgently addressing major problems with smart and inventive policies. Much of my early writing chronicles and evaluated those policies. My technical research, and thus my columns, were largely supportive of the efforts.

My more recent columns, and a substantial share of my research, has focused on how those policies failed to deliver on many of their main goals. As the state and nation emerge from the pandemic hangover and face new challenges of inflation, possible recession, and a myriad of policy challenges, I will keep writing. I have at least another 250 columns inside my head, just waiting to be released onto this page. So, I hope to exercise the privilege of writing this column for a few more years. Michael Hicks may be reached by email at [cbdirector@bsu.edu](mailto:cbdirector@bsu.edu).



# Indiana House passes spending, inflation relief bill

**By ARLEIGH RODGERS**  
Associated Press /  
Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House approved a bill Friday that would provide \$200 rebate payments from the state’s surging budget surplus.  
Though below Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb’s initially proposed \$225 refunds, the measure represents a

concession from GOP senators who were initially reluctant, concerned the rebates would further fuel inflation.  
“I think we have a good bill going forward to the Senate,” said Republican Rep. Tim Brown, who sponsored the bill. Brown said Thursday that the package was an agreement with Senate negotiators, who could consider the bill later Friday.

That compromise includes utilizing about \$1 billion from the state’s record \$6.1 billion in cash reserves for the rebates. Another approximately \$1 billion will flow toward a state teacher pension fund’s future obligations, a debt Senate Republican leaders have prioritized paying.  
The bill passed 93-6, with several Democrats — many of whom voted against the

bill Thursday, when legislators first broached the deal — in favor of the funding Friday.  
Democratic Rep. Gregory Porter criticized Republican lawmakers on Friday for not seriously considering their amendments to the bill.  
Democrats had argued that the pension debt was manageable and that the \$1 billion could go toward more pressing needs such as ed-

ucation, improving public health and supporting child care programs.  
“I’m going to vote yes because a little bit is better than nothing,” Porter said in debate. “We love this state like you love the state. But when it comes to what we have to say, it falls on deaf ears.”  
Indiana senators on July 29 approved a \$45 million spending bill without re-

bates for state agencies that “support the health of pregnant women, postpartum mothers, and infants,” especially among low-income families. The services would be available for families with children under 4 years old and for those who adopt.  
Lawmakers retained elements of the House’s relief bill also passed July 29, including repealing the state tax on children’s diapers.

## PULSE

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### Indiana Wind Symphony brings its 75-piece ensemble to the Honeywell Center

The Indiana Wind Symphony, a 75-piece ensemble lauded as Indiana’s premier adult concert band, performs at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Honeywell Center’s Ford Theater. Tickets, which are \$25 and \$35, and may be ordered by calling 260-563-1102 or visiting HoneywellArts.org.

### Free movie Mondays wraps up next week at Eagles Theatre

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment will offer free movies at the Eagles Theatre every Monday through Aug. 8. Showings will take place at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the main Eagles Theatre. Sensory-friendly showings will also be offered at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Ferguson Theatre, and feature lower audio and brighter lighting for safe and comfortable movement and enjoyment of the movie. The movie lineup includes Monday, Aug. 8 — “Spirit Untamed.” Full concession offerings will be available during the free movies including pizza, hot dogs, nachos, mozzarella sticks, pretzels, slushies, candy, popcorn and more. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

### Rhoda Gerig shares ‘More than Eagles’ wildlife photos

National Geographic award-winning photographer Rhoda Gerig will present “More than Eagles,” an array of wildlife photos from her collection, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Honeywell House, 720 N. Wabash St. As always, most of the events at the Honeywell House are free to the public, but due to limited seating, reservations are required. Reserve your spot now by calling 260-563-1102 or by visiting www.honeywellarts.org.

### Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned a tailgate food distribution for 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 24 and Sept. 28 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15; and at noon Wednesdays, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org, classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410.

### Peru High School class of 1956 to hold August luncheon

The August luncheon for the Peru High School class of 1956 will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at Beef ‘O’ Brady’s, 911 W. Main St., Peru. All class members are welcome.

### Kaleidoscope Gallery welcomes Pamela Hoover

The North Manchester Center for History (NMCH) will welcome Pamela Hoover, owner of The Samplermaker, to their artist’s gallery. There will be an artist’s reception

for Hoover in conjunction with Second Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at the NMCH, 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. The Samplermaker exhibit will remain in the Kaleidoscope Gallery through mid-November. The Center for History is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

### ACRES Land Trust to host the annual Summer Creek Stomp at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run

On Aug. 13, ACRES Land Trust will host its annual Summer Creek Stomp for ACRES members at Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run, 1866 E. Baumbauer Road. Participants will make their way through the cliffs and waterfalls at the Ross Run gorge. It’s an opportunity to splash in the creek and get a close look at the creek’s minnows, pinching crayfish and fossils. Walking in the creek is only permitted during sanctioned events in cooperation with neighbors. Hernandez said an annual ACRES Land Trust membership is \$20 per household. For more information, visit acreslandtrust.org.

### Salamonie Preschool offers ‘B is for Bee’ on Wednesday, Aug. 17

Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “B is for Bee” from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Salamonie Interpretive Center located in Lost Bridge West State Recreational Area (SRA), 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. What keeps bees so busy? How do they help us? Each program is designed to enhance the preschooler’s basic education, including music, crafts, social interaction and time outdoors, always with a nature-related theme. Children ages 2 to 5 and their adults are welcome to attend the class. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is requested. Register by calling 260-468-2127. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

### State Chemist’s Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program coming in August

The Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC) Clean Sweep Pesticide Disposal Program will be open on several dates and locations locally. This is a great way for farmers, public and private schools, agricultural dealers, nurseries, golf courses, cities, towns, municipalities, county units of government and others to dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened or just unwanted pesticides — including weed killers, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides and miticides — for free for up to 250 pounds per participant. The drop-off time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Ceres Solutions, 2025 S Wabash St., Wabash; Wednesday, Aug. 17 at Bartholomew County Solid Waste District, 720 S. Mapleton St., Columbus; Thursday, Aug. 18 at Daviess County Highway Department, 5247 E. 100 North, Montgomery; Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Davis Purdue Ag Center, 6230 Indiana 1, Farmland; Wednesday, Aug. 24 at Co-Alliance, 403

Highway 30 #9308, Valparaiso; and Thursday, Aug. 25 at Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Visit the OISC website to download the participant form at oisc.purdue.edu or email cleansweep@groups.purdue.edu to have a participant form emailed. Those wanting to participate are required to complete and submit the participant form by mail, email or fax by Friday, Aug. 5. Then, bring your labeled, leak-free and safe to transport containers to the collection site. Do not mix materials. In case of an emergency, you should bring with you a list of products you are carrying and a contact phone number. For more information, call 765-494-1585.

### Invasive control workshop set for Thursday, Aug. 18, at Salamonie Lake

Attend this free environmental workshop, “Where to begin? Invasive control for Poison Hemlock, Honey-suckle, and Autumn Olive” from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at Salamonie Lake’s Interpretive Center, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The workshop, hosted by the Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) group, is for, but is not limited to landowners, farmers, cemetery caretakers, Highway and County Road Department workers and volunteers. Learn how to ID these invasive species. Find time-saving and cost-efficient methods to remove unwanted — and sometimes dangerous — vegetation making leaps and bounds across our landscape. Continuing education credit is available for a fee to those maintaining certifications. The registration deadline for lunch and workshop is Monday, Aug. 8. Participants should plan to bring a water bottle and bug spray as there will be a short amount of walking. To register, call 260-468-2127. For more information, visit dnr.IN.gov.

### City of Peru to host Concert in the Park, cornhole tournament

The city of Peru will host a Concert in the Park featuring Tonehinge from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19 at the Maconaquah Park Amphitheater, 1496 Strawtown Pike, Peru. The event will be free. Brad’s BBQ Food Vendor will be on hand. There will be a cornhole tournament by Circus City Cornhole. Pre-register on Scoreholio. The cost will be \$20 per team. Bring your partner and bags. No powder bags will be allowed. Bags will be available for those without them. Cash prizes will be based on the number of teams. Warm-ups start at 6 p.m., and bags fly at 7 p.m. For more information, call 260-571-5919.

### Prolific California artist on display at Honeywell Gallery

Now through Sunday, Aug. 21, California artist Mary Zarbano’s work will be on display at the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center. The gallery is open for viewing from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-

days through Fridays and for two hours before live performances in the Ford Theater. For more information, visit honeywellarts.org.

### Honeywell Photography Show call for entries due Aug. 22

Entries for the Honeywell Arts & Entertainment 2022 Photography Show will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22 at the Honeywell Center. The competition is open to amateur and professional photographers. Accepted entries will be on display in the Clark Gallery from Thursday, Aug. 25 through Monday, Sept. 26. The competition has three categories: altered images, color, and black and white (including sepia tones). Participants may enter up to three pieces, all of which may be entered into a single category or all three. However, the maximum of three entries still applies. For more information, visit www.honeywellarts.org.

### City to co-host housing fair

A newly-planned development at the former site of Parkview Wabash Hospital will be the subject of an event in August. A Housing Fair for Legacy Heights will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. Hoosier Homes, Club 720, builders, Realtors, lenders and the community will be invited to the event. Madison Morrison, of the Housing Resource Hub, said they wanted to provide “home buyer tools that are available to the people of Wabash.” For more information, visit www.cityofwabash.com.

### Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon set for Saturday, Sept. 10

The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54 or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov. For more information, visit https://on.IN.gov/salamonielake or dnr.IN.gov.

### Downtown Wabash Farmers Market returns for its 15th season

Downtown Wabash is now seeking vendors to register for the market’s 15th season. The 2022 Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will run every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon through Sept. 24 at 275 W. Market St. Vendor registration is available in drop-in, half-season and full-season schedules. Drop-in registration is \$15 per weekend. Half-season registration is \$115 for 10 weeks, from May 14 through July 16; and from July 23 through Sept. 24. Full-season registration is \$200 for 20 weeks from May 14 through Sept. 24. To register for this year’s market, visit DowntownWabash.

org/vendor, email carly@downtownwabash.org or call 260-563-0975.

### Money Smart Program to be held at the Wabash County YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA Lunch and Learn Program is free for the community and is to last from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesdays on the third Tuesday of every month, through Jan. 17, 2023, at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. The program Participation is limited to 14 guests. Register by calling 260-563-9622 or emailing jthibos@wabashcountyyymca.org. Participants will receive a free lunch on behalf of Crossroads Bank and will have the opportunity to learn about financial management. Topics include credit reports and scores, buying a home, how to budget, managing debt and more. To learn more about the Wabash County YMCA, visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org or email pgodfroy@wabashcountyyymca.org. Learn more about the Wabash County YMCA job offerings at www.wabashcountyyymca.org/jobs. To make a tax-deductible donation “to support the Y’s cause of strengthening the community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility,” visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org/donate or email jdriskill@wabashcountyyymca.org.

### Stillwater Hospice needs volunteers to sit with the dying

Stillwater Hospice needs volunteers to sit with the dying, including those in Wabash County. They currently have over 115 volunteers but would like to expand the number of individuals who would like to spend time with patients to help support the caregivers of patients. For more information, visit www.stillwater-hospice.org or call 260-435-3222.

### Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group available at YMCA

The Wabash County YMCA has announced the new Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group in conjunction with Bickford Senior Living held at the YMCA. Alzheimer’s and Dementia Caregiver Support Group is free to the public and will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St. Caregivers and family members will share, support, and learn together as they care for a loved one with memory loss. For more information, email brobinson@

wabashcountyyymca.org, pgodfroy@wabashcountyyymca.org or wabashlec@bickfordseniorliving.com or visit www.wabashcountyyymca.org.

### Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

### The Mom of an Addict support group meeting in Wabash County

The Mom of an Addict, an organization offering education and support to families who have been affected by a loved one’s substance use disorder, is adding an in-person meeting location in Wabash County, according to founder and director Jennifer Hope. The new meetings will be held weekly beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Congregational Christian Church, 310 N. Walnut St., North Manchester. At the free support group meetings, parents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, children and friends will find others who understand what they are going through with their loved ones. The meetings have an educational component for the first 30 minutes, and the next hour is spent in small group sharing settings. The educational component addresses many topics associated with addiction, such as the science of the disease of addiction, different types of drugs, enabling, detaching with love, setting healthy boundaries, types of treatment available, communication with our child, self-care, co-occurring disorders, relapse and ending the stigma. There will be guest speakers from time to time to address other specific topics. The meeting is open, and whether a loved one is currently using, is in recovery, is incarcerated or is deceased, everyone is encouraged to attend. Additional in-person and online meeting locations can be found by clicking on the Support Groups tab by visiting www.themomofanaddict.org.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*

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# Dems change some tax provisions as they ready economic bill

By **ALAN FRAM**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats pared part of their proposed minimum tax on huge corporations and made other changes in their giant economic bill, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Friday, as they drove toward delivering a campaign-season victory to President Joe Biden on his domestic agenda.

In an unusual peek at closed-door bargaining, Schumer, D-N.Y., said Democrats dropped a proposed tax boost on hedge fund executives after pivotal centrist Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., said she would otherwise vote “no.” Schumer said that in its place, the

measure now has a new tax — which others said will be 1 percent — on the shares companies buy back of their own stock, netting the government far more revenue.

“Sen. Sinema said she would not vote for the bill” or even vote to let debate begin unless private equity tax was removed from the legislation, Schumer told reporters. “So we had no choice.”

He spoke a day after he and Sinema announced compromise revisions to the environment, health care and tax package. With final numbers still to be calculated, the overall measure raises over \$700 billion in revenue — including more robust IRS tax collections — using most of it for energy, climate and health initiatives and reducing federal

deficits by \$300 billion.

The accord puts Democrats on the verge of a more modest yet striking resurrection of many of Biden domestic aspirations that appeal strongly to party voters. Those include taxing big business, restraining prescription drug prices, slowing climate change, helping families afford private insurance and trimming federal deficits.

In another change, Schumer said a proposed 15 percent minimum tax on mammoth corporations had been trimmed and would now raise \$258 billion over the coming decade, down from \$313 billion. That provision, which has been the legislation’s big-gest revenue raiser, will now let those companies depreciate their equipment costs

more quickly, lowering the government’s tax take and helping manufacturers who buy expensive machinery. The new tax is expected to apply to around 150 companies with income exceeding \$1 billion.

Democrats plan for the Senate to begin considering the bill Saturday, and the House will return next Friday for votes. The measure is sure to face unanimous Republican opposition in the 50-50 Senate, where the backing of Sinema and all other Democrats will be needed for passage, along with Vice President Kamala Harris’ tie-breaking vote.

“This bill is a game changer for working families and our economy,” Biden said at the White House.

Republicans say the measure will worsen inflation — a premier concern of voters — discourage companies from hiring workers and raise already high energy costs with its taxes.

“The pain at the pump is going to get worse, and it’s not just on the cost of energy to drive your car,” said Sen. John Barrasso of Wyoming, the Senate’s No. 3 GOP leader. “It’s also the energy to heat your home, energy that powers our country, energy for electricity.”

Nonpartisan analysts have said the legislation will have a modest impact on inflation and the economy.

“We’re feeling pretty good,” Schumer said about the legislation. “It’s what the country so desperately needs. And it’s

what Democrats will deliver on in the coming days.”

The measure will also include \$4 billion sought by Western senators to help their states cope with ruinous drought conditions, according to Sens. Mark Kelly, D-Ariz., Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., and Michael Bennet, D-Colo. The group had sought \$5 billion.

Still other changes are possible. The Senate parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, is expected to soon say whether some provisions violate the chamber’s budget procedures and should be erased. Democrats are using special rules that would let them overcome GOP opposition and pass the package without needing the 60 votes most bills require.

## WALORSKI

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Walorski, who served on the House Ways and Means Committee, was first elected to represent Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District in 2012. She previously served three terms in the state’s legislature.

Walorski was born in South Bend and lived near Elkhart. She and her husband were previously missionaries in Romania, where they established a foundation that provided food and medical supplies to impoverished children. She worked as a television news reporter in South Bend before her turn to politics.

“It is with the greatest sadness that we learned of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski’s death today in a traffic accident in Elkhart County. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jackie’s husband Dean Swihart and her other family and friends,” said Wabash Mayor Scott Long and Grow Wabash County president and CEO Keith Gillenwater. “The city of Wabash and Grow Wabash County extend our sympathies to the families of all involved.”

Long said they were scheduled to visit with Walorski on Aug. 23 in Wabash and were “looking forward to her visit in Wabash.”

“Jackie has been a friend since I took office in 2016 and was one of the first people to visit me shortly after I took office,” said Long. “She and Dean visited with my wife Jackie and I and enjoyed coming to dinner and concerts at the Honeywell Center with us. I am at a loss right now and considered Zach Potts who was also killed a friend. I had communicated with Emma Thompson in her Washington office in the past also and am devastated by the loss of all three of them.”

Gillenwater said he was also scheduling visits with local business and industry leaders for her upcoming visit.

“I, too, am at a loss for words upon learning of this tragic accident,” said Gillenwater. “Congresswoman Walorski was a champion for Indiana and the Second District she so proudly represented. She will be deeply missed by those of us who worked closely with her as she looked out for the business interests of her district at the federal level.”

More tributes poured in

from leaders and fellow lawmakers at both the state and federal levels.

“I am deeply saddened by the passing of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski,” stated Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington. “We served Wabash County together, and I was always impressed with how much she genuinely cared about Hoosiers and doing what’s right by them. Indiana lost a wonderful leader. My prayers are with her family and loved ones, along with those who loved Zachery Potts, Emma Thomson and Edith Schmucker.”

Both Indiana senators also offered their reactions to the news.

“I’m truly devastated,” said Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana. “Jackie loved Hoosiers and devoted her life to fighting for them. I’ll never forget her spirit, her positive attitude, and most importantly her friendship. All of Indiana mourns her passing, along with the tragic deaths of her staff Emma Thomson and Zach Potts. Please join me in praying for their families in this difficult time.”

On Twitter, Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, offered his condolences.

“Jackie Walorski was a tireless advocate for the Hoosiers she represented and a kind friend to everyone she met,” stated Braun. “She faithfully served her constituents and her Lord and Savior, and I trust she is now wrapped in the arms of Christ. This is a devastating loss, and we grieve for her two staff members — Zach and Emma — who had their whole lives ahead of them. Please join me and Maureen in praying for the families and friends of those lost on this tragic day for Indiana.”

Indiana Democratic Party chairman Mike Schmuhl reached across the political aisle to express his sorrow.

“On behalf of the Indiana Democratic Party, I want to express our sincere condolences to the friends and loved ones of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, Chairman Zach Potts, and Emma Thomson,” said Schmuhl. “Jackie Walorski was a dedicated public servant, who cared deeply about her constituents and northern Indiana. If you’re a Hoosier, you’re a member of one family, and Indiana tragically lost dedicated family members today. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families, to members of the communities across the Second District and to



Lt. Gen. Richard W. Scobee, Rep. Jackie Walorski, Gov. Eric Holcomb and Chief Master Sgt. Timothy C. White Jr. discuss Grissom Air Reserve Base and the KC-46A Pegasus aircraft.

the Indiana Republican Party. Congresswoman Walorski served with devotion and passion in both the Indiana General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives. She made a lasting impact on Indiana and the United States.”

Purdue University President Mitch Daniels said Walorski “worked closely” with him during his governorship when she served three terms in the Indiana Statehouse from 2004 to 2010, where she became assistant floor leader, before serving in Congress.

“There could not be worse news,” said Daniels. “I’m heartsick at this tragedy. Jackie Walorski was a great public servant, a brave and constant ally for change during all my years in elected office, and a great representative of her district at both the state and national levels. I can’t say how much I’ll miss her.”

Indiana Chamber president and CEO Kevin Brinegar said Walorski’s death was “sudden and tragic.”

“I am shocked and very saddened by the sudden passing of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski and her two staffers, Zachery Potts and Emma Thomson, in a car accident today in Elkhart County,” said Brinegar. “Congresswoman Walorski was such a pleasure to work with — both in her tenure at the Indiana Statehouse and



Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, left, and Rep. Jackie Walorski, R-Indiana, both represented Wabash County.

in Congress. She always fought hard for her constituents and was a trusted ally in advocating for policies to better the lives of Hoosiers. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce sends its sincere condolences to the Congresswoman’s family and the families of all lost today.”

National Right to Life president Carol Tobias also offered a remembrance.

“We mourn the loss of Representative Jackie Walorski who supported protections for the most vulnerable among us,” said Tobias. “The pro-life movement is deeply indebted to Congresswoman Walorski for her service on behalf of the unborn.”

Tobias said Walorski had a 100 percent voting record with National Right to Life.

“Our thoughts and prayers

are with the congresswoman’s family at this time,” said Tobias.

No further information was available as of press time. This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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## GRANTS

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Entertainment to continue the expansion of its regional arts, education, and entertainment program offerings.

“This generous grant award from the Indiana Arts Commission is integral to the work that we do on a daily basis to provide offerings that truly inspire and uplift, enliven and entertain, and connect and engage individuals from all corners of Indiana and beyond,” said CEO Tod Minnich.

The IAC also announced they had awarded \$2,720 toward a Manchester Symphony Orchestra (MSO) performance through the Arts Organization Support grant program, said board member Anne Gregory.

The IAC grant will help cover costs associated with

presenting Ludwig van Beethoven’s ‘Mass in C’ at the Dona Nobis Pacem concert at 3 p.m. March 12, 2023, at the Honeywell Center in Wabash.

“Each MSO concert costs almost \$16,000 to produce, and we count on our generous donors and grants like this to make high-quality, diverse programming accessible in Wabash County and our region,” said Manchester Symphony Society president Beth Driscoll.

In its 84th season, more than a quarter of the MSO repertoire is by composers from underrepresented groups, said Gregory.

Conductor and artistic director Debra Lynn said she has been intentional about all the choices.

“While the MSO is turning toward more intentional programming with regard to underrepresented composers,

it is also important to keep performing long-standing classical masterworks throughout history,” said Lynn. “Beethoven was a great innovator who was a musical radical in his time. He was the closest thing to a rock star in the early 1800s — basically the Elvis of his time. He broke all the musical conventions and opened new possibilities for all the composers who followed after him.”

The March 12, 2023 performance will feature the Manchester University A Cappella Choir, the Manchester Symphony Chorus and area high school choirs.

“His ‘Mass in C’ premiered in 1807, just as he was breaking new ground as a composer and splintering the walls of musical form erected by his predecessors. This is why it is important for musicians to continue studying

and performing this particular work. This grant will help us include young musicians from public schools in our area who will benefit from understanding Beethoven’s crucial role in the evolution of music and in a historical context,” said Lynn. “Without Beethoven, there would have been no Mendelssohn, Puccini, Debussy or Bernstein; but neither would there have been The Beatles or Lady Gaga. He was that much of a game-changer for all of us. It is my goal to help high school and college musicians understand this about Beethoven and provide an opportunity for them to perform one of the actual pieces that flung those doors wide open. We are tremendously thankful for the funding that helps make this possible.

The March concert also includes “Melody” by Myroslav Skoryk; “Dona Nobis

Pacem” from the Mass in B Minor by Bach; and “Lyric for Strings” by George Walker, the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize for music composition.

The first concert of the MSO season is Legends at 3 p.m. Oct. 9 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. It includes “Peter and the Wolf” by Sergei Prokofiev and “Chokfi” (Sarcasm for String Orchestra and Percussion)” by Chickasaw composer Jerod Impichchaachaaha’ Tate.

Funding for the Indiana Arts Commission and its programs is provided by the Indiana General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

“Art and creativity strengthen the fabric of Indiana’s communities. They promote connection and

cohesion, foster the entrepreneurial spirit communities need to thrive, and create the kinds of communities where people want to live,” said IAC executive director Miah Michaelsen. “In each of Indiana’s 92 counties, public funding for arts and creativity continually proves to be a high-return investment that improves the quality of life of every Hoosier and drives economic development within our state.”

In total, the IAC announced it had awarded \$2,904,102 to 413 nonprofits to fund arts projects and organizations around the state through the Arts Organization Support and Arts Project Support grant programs, said marketing and communications director Connie Brahm.

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READING

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brought 544 locals out to participate in storytimes, craft nights, book discussions and other special programs.

“We were able to serve so many people in our community this summer,” said WCPL youth services librarian Polly Howell. “We handed out over 450 take-home craft and science experiment kits in addition to the families we were able to celebrate reading with in person.”

Castle said another 200 people were served in off-site collaborative programs with other community partners.

“Our program was a bit shorter this year than in previous years,” said WCPL youth services assistant and teen events coordinator Laura Beutler. “We saw a diverse and enthusiastic increase in programming at teen craft events in that time.”

Castle said this year, the WCPL awarded the top three readers in each age group with various prize packages. Those 10 readers accounted for 78,550 of the library’s total minutes logged during this program. The top readers in the elementary age group were Elly Engle, Isaac Carnagua and James Carnagua. Teen top readers were Abigail Carnagua, Noelle Frank, Madeline Cordes and Elijah Peters. The top adult readers were Dianna Worthy, Anthony Pfeiffer and Emily Gardiner.

“In total, our community logged over 6,800 hours of reading. That is a huge time commitment that we celebrate and appreciate here at WCPL,” said Castle. “We are already looking forward to next year.”

NMPL

North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) adult department manager and marketing coordinator Jeanna

Hann said they had “another fantastic summer of reading.”

“We had 771 adults, kids, and teens sign up for the ‘Marvel-ous Summer Reading Program,’” said NMPL children’s department manager Sarah Morbitzer. “They read a total of 805,604 minutes and we had 303 participants finish summer reading for a completion rate of 39 percent.”

Hann said the NMPL saw record high numbers of program attendance, as well.

“We always strive to do more,” said Morbitzer. “We were so excited to introduce some new programs this year, and we were thrilled with the positive feedback we received.”

Hann said the NMPL had 15,839 visits over the summer, as patrons “flocked to the library for a busy schedule of events, from slime events to movie showings to family bingo.”

“One patron told us the first thing her child says every morning is, ‘I go to library.’ Others have told us that our programs have been the highlight of their summer,” said NMPL programming coordinator Molly Magnus.

“The community support means so much to us. We love our patrons. They’re the reason we do what we do.”

Hann said none of this would be possible without NMPL’s community sponsors.

“The NMPL would like to extend a warm thank you to all the following businesses who helped to make this year’s summer reading program such a success,” said Hann.

Hann said the NMPL’s community sponsors include Beacon Credit Union, Bippus State Bank, Casey’s, Chillz Delights, Community Foundation of Wabash County, Crossroads Bank, Dairy Queen, Edward Jones Financial, First Financial Bank, Ford Meter Box, Fort Wayne Tincaps, Friermood Tire, Grand’s



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Roz Puppets performs for WCPL patrons this summer.

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## BAPTIST

**Southside Free Will Baptist**, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

**Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

## CATHOLIC

**St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Fr. Jay Horning. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.

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## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Christian Heritage Church**, 2776 River Road. (260) 569-7710. Pastor Tim Prater. Sunday 8:30am. Radio Ministry 95.9 WKUZ. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Service 10:30am. Sunday evening 6pm. Wednesday evening 6pm. Online services on Sunday at 10:30 am and Wednesday 6:00 pm

**LaFontaine Christian Church**, 202 Bruner Pike, LaFontaine  
Minister Brad Wright. (765) 981-2101. Worship 9am & 10:30am, Nursery & Jr. Church available. Online Services available on our website

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Church of Christ**, Wabash (corner of N Wabash Street and US 24). Evangelist Josh Fennell (260) 563-8234. Sunday School 9am. Morning Worship 10am. Evening Worship 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Wednesday Kid's Jam 7pm.

## CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

**Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

## FRIENDS CHURCH

**Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

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**Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

## LUTHERAN

**Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC)**, 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org

**Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**, 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

## UNITED METHODIST

**North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

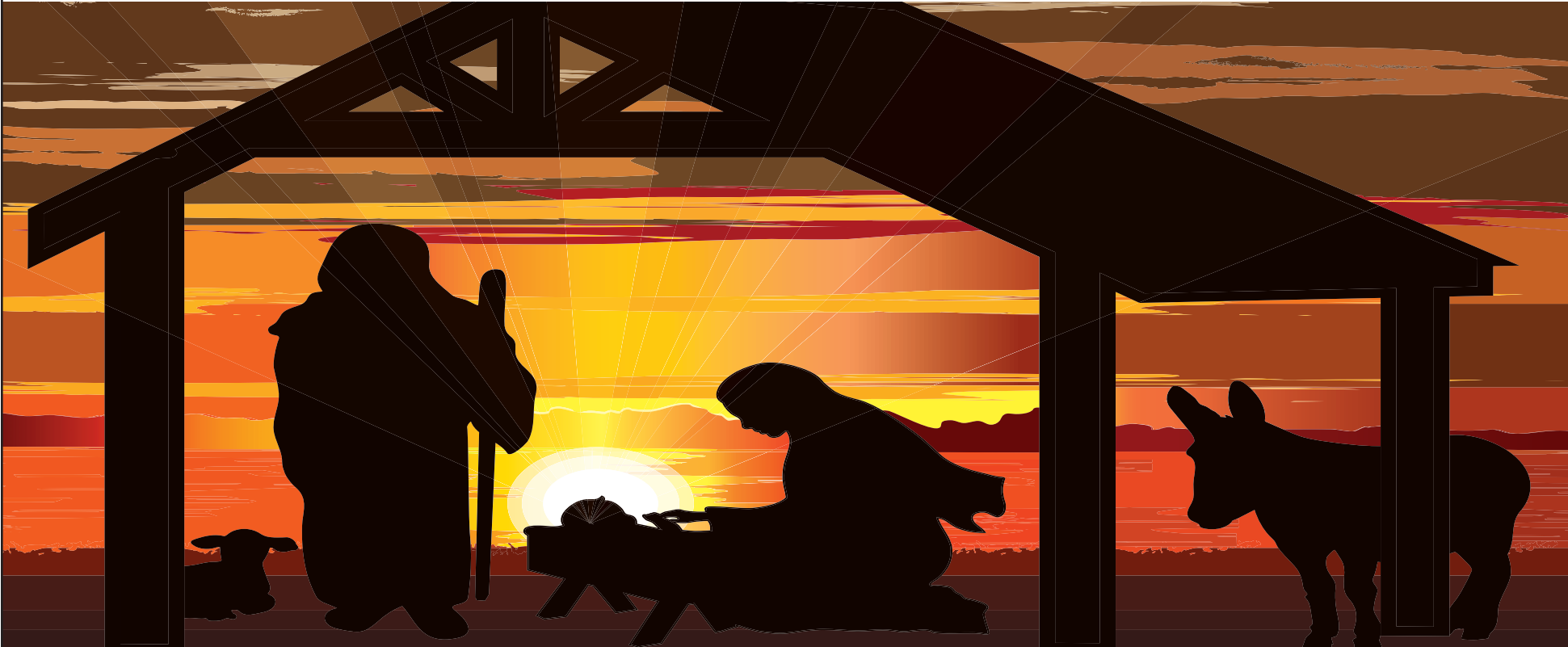
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## Manchester's Ream fueled for football future

He will take his abilities to Taylor University and suit up for the Trojans

By **CLAY MAXFIELD**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Freelance Reporter

After two seasons in which Manchester High School's Braxton Ream tallied 1,000 yards or more in rushing, Ream has decided to continue his collegiate career where he will take his abilities to Taylor University and suit up for the Trojans.

This move is something that Ream believes will open up a different level of his game.

"What I'm most excited for is all of the running backs on the roster are older than me," Ream said. "There's only two incoming freshmen running backs so I know that I'm gonna get a ton of learning experience. Push my game to that next level and learn a lot of new things that I didn't learn in high school."

Throughout his senior year, Ream received plenty of interest from other schools but none were ready to pull the trigger like Taylor was, something that he believes will serve as motivation for his collegiate career.



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"I believe that I'm pretty good. ... I feel like I'm underlooked and stuff like that. It definitely does add fuel to the fire because there were some schools that were bigger than Taylor that looked at me but Taylor felt right for me," he said.

While adding that his number one priority is serving as that next piece that will make Taylor football dominant.

"It makes you just want to go out there and just give it my all, give it my best. Shine for Taylor and

give a lot of light to Taylor University and just show what Taylor is about, what the program is about, what we're trying to build there and make other coaches see what they missed out on."

As a senior, Ream rushed for 1037 yards and sev-

en touchdowns, an effort that came on the heels of a junior season where he notched 928 yards on the ground along with 11 TDs.

Ream also proved to be a dual threat in the Squires' passing game as well when he hauled in 169 yards re-

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## Colts plot Taylor-made plan for rushing champ

By **MICHAEL MAROT**  
Associated Press

WESTFIELD, Ind. — Matt Ryan first noticed Jonathan Taylor's natural instincts on Indianapolis Colts game film.

One play proved Taylor is even more impressive in person.

At Indy's first training camp practice last week, Ryan got a glimpse into this season's possibilities when his new running back caught a screen pass, quickly turned up the field and left defenders in his wake.

Even Ryan, who has seemingly seen everything over a 14-year career, did a double take.

"He made a cut that you just don't see and his explosion out of the cut, to me, was an eye-opener," Ryan said. "You can watch as much tape as you want, but it's different to see it in person. You think he's really good, then you show up and you think he's better than you thought."

Turning heads, drawing raves and surprising teammates has become an annual tradition for Taylor ever since he won the starting job at Wisconsin in 2017.

The true freshman started 13 of 14 games and finished with 1,977 yards that year before topping the 2,000-yard mark each of the next two seasons. He's one of three major college players with multiple entries in the 2,000-yard club and could become the first to do it three times in their combined college and pro careers.

Still, Taylor slid into the second round of the 2020 draft as critics warned about his lack of vision, penchant for fumbling and the toll 926 college carries could take on his body.

Colts general manager Chris Ballard, also a Badgers alum, didn't buy it.

He saw Taylor as a smart, workhorse back, capable of making home run plays and becoming a strong voice in the locker room. It didn't take Taylor long to make Ballard look like a genius.

Taylor replaced the injured Marlon Mack in Indy's 2020 season opener and finished the season by rushing for a single-game franchise-record 253 yards as he went over the 1,000-yard mark.

Last season, even with defenses loading up against Taylor, he still rushed for a league-high 1,811 yards and 18 touchdowns while adding another 360 yards and two scores through the air — including the 76-yard screen pass he turned into a TD at Baltimore.

The question now is what will Taylor do for an encore?

He'll continue battling two-time NFL rushing champ Derrick Henry to claim the title of best back in the league and the AFC South. And Indy believes Ryan's presence could back defenses off the line of scrimmage.

"That's the thought, but you never really know what teams are going to do," Taylor said this spring. "So you need to prepare in the offseason to face eight, nine, in your case, 16-man boxes. You need to prepare for those things in the offseason, during camp so no matter what happens — whether we face those loaded boxes or not — we're equipped and prepared and ready to handle them."

Numbers and honors don't motivate the 23-year-old Taylor, though. He's a perfectionist, always looking for a way to stay ahead of the competition.

During previous offseasons, he focused on refining his pass-catching and pass protection skills. This year, he prepared for a heavier workload than the 372 touches he had last sea-

son.

Of course the guy once admitted to Harvard also gets innovative with his workouts.

Yoga became part of his college workout routine and last year he added cold-weather training. This year, Taylor invested in Strive, a technology company that helps athletes achieve and maintain peak performance with workouts based on muscle data. The hope is it will make him more productive and healthier.

"You always prepare, I don't want to say for the worst, but the most you can possibly do," Taylor said. "My parents always say better to have and not need rather than to need and not have. So if you come into this building at camp time, fully ready to go for any situation, you'll be prepared for your workload to increase."

Taylor would like to expand the schedule to include a championship run.

It's the one glaring omission on Taylor's resume. Despite winning two New Jersey state titles in track and field, he never won a Big Ten title with the Badgers, never appeared in the College Football Playoff and still has not won an NFL playoff game.

So while Taylor spent the offseason reviewing game film to see what he could have done better in 2021 to continue improving this season, Ryan was watching to figure out how he could best utilize Taylor's uncanny talent.

"My brother was up here at practice Saturday and he was like, 'Man, it was amazing to watch that guy go through the little ropes they run through at the beginning,'" Ryan said. "He's like, 'It's just different, you watch him and the movement is different. Those other guys are doing great behind him but he (Taylor) is another level.' He's special."

## Chun takes halfway lead at Women's British Open

MUIRFIELD, Scotland (AP) — In Gee Chun is making another strong run at a major.

The South Korean golfer took the halfway lead at the Women's British Open after a 5-under 66 in the second round on Friday, putting her in position to challenge for a second major title of the year, and fourth overall.

Chun had an 8-under total of 134, putting her one shot ahead of South Africa's Ashleigh Buhai and Sweden's Madelene Sagstrom, who both shot 65.

Seven-time major winner Inbee Park, also of South Korea, was a shot further back after a 67.

Chun, who won the Women's PGA Championship at Congressional in June despite consecutive weekend rounds of 75, carded six birdies and a solitary bogey in her round at Muirfield.

Sunday's winner will earn more than \$1 million but Chun said she was also motivated by a slightly smaller cash prize on offer.

"Before the start of the tournament my caddie Dean and I talked about the course and after that we had a little bit of betting," Chun said. "If I make a bogey-free round he's said he's going to buy me dinner and pay me 100 dollars each day. So before each round it's like setting another goal. That mindset

ceiving on 12 receptions and two touchdowns in 2022.

In terms of Ream's ability, Alyx Brandewie, Manchester's varsity head football coach witnessed firsthand what made his leading rusher successful.

"Braxton is an extremely hard worker that has put in countless hours in the weight room and training individually to earn and prepare for the opportunity to play football at Taylor University," Brandewie said. "In his time in our program, there are certain traits that stick out and I believe will allow him to find success at the next level. Chief among those would be his willingness to lead from the front. He is a young man that never skipped a lift, he tried to win every sprint, and never looked for a way out of hard work."

As a Trojan, Ream will study bio-pre-med.

"The fact that you're blessed to go out on the field and perform with people around you is just so much stronger than an individual thing. ... I like being able to help a group and we thrive together," Ream said. "The whole concept of working together just really strengthened my mental attitude towards achieving a goal with people."

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## Ford, Keselowski looking for success in Detroit backyard

By **JENNA FRYER**  
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It all seemed so promising at the start of the NASCAR season for Ford and its teams, particularly Jack Roush's rebranded organization with new driver/owner Brad Keselowski.

Joey Logano of Team Penske won the exhibition Busch Clash at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum in January ahead of NASCAR's shift to Daytona International Speedway and the start of the season.

It was there that Keselowski, who left Penske for an ownership stake with Roush, took the longtime NASCAR team owner back to victory lane for the first time since 2017. Keselowski

drove the rebranded Ford for RFK Racing to a victory in a Daytona 500 qualifying race. About 90 minutes later, Chris Buescher took Roush back to victory lane with an RFK sweep of the two qualifying races.

Three days later, Penske rookie Austin Cindric won the Daytona 500 to give Ford wins in the first four Cup events of the year.

And now? With just a month remaining before NASCAR's playoffs begin, Ford is bringing up the rear in the manufacturer battle. Three drivers have combined for four Ford victories through 22 points races, and Logano has two of the wins. His victory in June in St. Louis was the last Ford win, and at fourth in the Cup standings,

Logano is the highest-ranked Ford driver.

Cindric and Chase Briscoe for Stewart-Haas Racing have the only other two wins for the blue oval bunch as NASCAR shifts into their backyard at Michigan International Speedway.

"Four wins is not enough. It's not acceptable," said Mark Rushbrook, global director of Ford Performance Motorsports. "We need to get more wins. We need to have drivers further up the standings and hopefully at least four if not more drivers into the playoffs."

"It's certainly going to be hard with where we are with only four regular-season races left. It's been a struggle with the new car, the new package with getting our

head around it, and how to set it up properly going to the track and optimizing it."

Chevrolet has been the dominant brand this season with 13 wins — Chase Elliott has a series-high four victories — and Toyota has five victories.

### RFK optimism

Keselowski returns to his home track feeling confident about RFK's recent progress. The native of Rochester Hills believes the team is on "a little bit of an upswing" and thought he and teammate Buescher were fast on the road course at Indianapolis last week.

"We seem to be getting better every week, and the team's starting to click and we're starting to figure out

some of the missing pieces," Keselowski said. "We're going to give it all we got. I'm in this for the long haul. I want to keep pushing as hard as I can to get this company to where RFK — both cars — can win races and contend for championships."

Keselowski has been in a deep hole since March when the No. 6 team was slapped with a 100-point penalty for modifying a single-source part on the Next Gen. It was the harshest penalty on NASCAR's new car until late last month, when NASCAR disqualified Denny Hamlin and Kyle Busch following their 1-2 finish at Pocono Raceway, then docked 100 points from Michael McDowell for another infraction on the Next Gen.

The penalties were a relief to Keselowski because it showed him that NASCAR is treating all teams equally. But he wants more enforcement.

"The reality is that the garage is going through a reset with respect to kind of cutting out the games, and that's a good thing for us as a sport," Keselowski said. "I personally think the sport needs more penalties, and that NASCAR needs to be handing them out like candy right now to get control of the garage."

"We've been playing a lot of games for a lot of years, and the games have to stop. The games cost a lot of money. The easiest way for



# NFL hopes to reduce head injuries with helmet experiment

By STEVE REED  
Associated Press

The mushroom-like contraptions NFL players are wearing on their helmets during training camp may look strange, but they're a part of an ongoing safety experiment the league hopes will lead to a reduction in head injuries.

They're called Guardian Caps, and they're now mandatory for all 32 NFL teams through the second preseason game – the time when the league says head injuries are most prevalent.

“There’s a density of exposure, and a density of injury, at the beginning of training camp and the competition committee has been looking for ways to change that,” said Jeff Miller, executive vice president for NFL player health and safety.

The league said laboratory research indicates the 12-ounce Guardian Caps result in at least a 10 percent reduction in severity of impact to a player’s brain. It says that number climbs to at least 20 percent if both players involved in a collision are wearing them.

Miller said mitigating those forces “will have a cumulative effect for the betterment of health and safety of the player.”

Not everyone, however, is convinced Guardian Caps are the answer.

Chris Nowinski, co-founder and CEO of the Concussion Legacy Foundation, is “more than a little skeptical” that the extra padding helps prevent head injuries – and wonders if it could be doing more harm than good.

“Adding weight to a helmet can make things worse for the brain when it comes to rotational impacts,” said Nowinski, who previously served as a co-director of the Boston University Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy.

“Adding size to the helmet does the same thing. It’s very difficult to recreate this in a lab. We aren’t sure if this will be a net positive or a net negative.”

New York Jets coach Robert Saleh also has concerns.

He questioned whether players are using their heads more now because the Guardian Caps soften

the blow – something he believes could be an issue once the caps come off and actual games begin.

“Anyone who’s played football before knows that the first time you take those (caps) off or you hit with your helmet, or you have a collision, there’s a shock,” Saleh said. “If you’re waiting until the first game for that shock to happen, I think it’s ... I don’t know. Time will tell.

“It’s just interesting with those Guardian Caps, and what exactly are we trying to accomplish?”

Buffalo Bills defensive tackle Ed Oliver isn’t seeing the benefits of the caps either and Philadelphia Eagles center Jason Kelce even openly mocked them.

Oliver said the padded shells “aggravate” him, making him feel like “a bobblehead” on the field.

“It’s just heavy,” Oliver said. “I like the way my helmet feels without it. I have been playing without it for this long, I just don’t like it.”

Kelce showed up to an Eagles practice with extra bubble wrap on his helmet.

“They say the Guardian Caps add 20 percent protection,” Kelce quipped. “I figure the bubble wrap gave me another 2 or 3” percent.

Despite the skepticism, Miller said the feedback from most players has been positive – even if they feel the Guardian Caps look a little funny.

“I wouldn’t say they’re aesthetically pleasing, and I think we look a little goofy,” said Eagles tight end Dallas Goedert. “But they’re there for good reason. They did studies with them. Anything to keep us safer, why not do it?”

“Obviously you only get one brain. May as well keep it as best you can.”

Added Tennessee Titans tackle Taylor Lewan: “Honestly, at first I was like, ‘What a stupid looking thing. This is the dumbest looking thing I’ve ever seen.’ But honestly, I’m not gonna lie, it’s kind of nice.”

Safety concerns about head injuries in the NFL has been on the rise for years.

Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, or CTE, has been found in the brains of more than 300 former players, according to the

Concussion Legacy Foundation. Junior Seau, Andre Waters and Jovan Belcher are just some of the players who have died by suicide and later were determined to have the degenerative brain disease associated with repeated blows to the head.

The league announced in February there were 187 concussions during practice and games in 2021.

That’s one reason the NFL’s competition committee, given the data presented to them by lab researchers, mandated that offensive and defensive linemen, linebackers and tight ends – players who see the most head impacts during practice – wear the Guardian Caps this summer after five teams and about 100 players experimented with them last year at training camp.

The introduction convinced guard Austin Corbett.

He voluntarily wore his Guardian Cap in practice throughout the regular season and playoffs during the Los Angeles Rams’ Super Bowl run last year.

Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, who is a member of the competition committee, told his players in a video released by the NFL that he is “morally obligated” to keep them safe and believes they’re useful.

And Indianapolis Colts coach Frank Reich agrees, saying the recommendation of the Guardian Caps was an “easy move.”

Defining the future of Guardian Caps is not so easy.

Miller said the next steps will largely depend on feedback they receive from players, as well as whether the data gathered from the use of the Guardian Caps shows a reduction in head injuries.

Washington Commanders coach Ron Rivera is already convinced; he believes Guardian Caps can be part of the norm in the NFL.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if at some point it’s going to be mandated through OTAs and minicamp,” said Rivera, a former linebacker with the Bears. “If this really helps reduce (head injuries), then I’d imagine we would continue” to use them.

# Rested Newgarden seeking IndyCar lead at home in Nashville

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Josef Newgarden wasn’t at peak physical condition when he raced last week at Indianapolis, that much he admits.

But sitting out would have crippled his championship chances, so earning the medical clearance to compete following his post-race collapse at Iowa was Newgarden’s only choice. He finished fifth to maintain his hold on third place in the IndyCar standings.

“I wasn’t 100 percent but I felt good, I felt normal in a lot of respects, but I’m trying to get myself even better,” Newgarden said. “We needed to be in the race, and I was happy to be there.”

Next up is his home race, the second Music City Grand Prix through the downtown streets of Nashville. Newgarden was an ambassador for last year’s inaugural race and the commitments admittedly stretched him thin ahead of his deflating 10th-place finish.

That won’t be good enough

Sunday for Newgarden’s quest for a third IndyCar title. So he slimmed down his obligations ahead of this year’s race and used several days this week to reset following his Iowa disruption.

Newgarden won the first race of the Iowa double-header last month to take the IndyCar points lead, but crashed hard the next day while leading in pursuit of the weekend sweep. The incident dropped him to third in the standings and then came a medical scare: Newgarden was cleared in the care center but then lost consciousness in the motorhome lot and hit his head.

It’s believed he suffered a concussion when his head hit the pavement. That required deliberate care to ensure Newgarden would be cleared to race the road course at Indianapolis last Saturday. When that race ended, he felt “just tired.”

“I was fatigued from the intense week,” he said. “It wasn’t so much that I was dealing with symptoms, I just wasn’t 100 percent energy. I feel like this week, I’ve had more time to rest, and I’ll be

more myself this weekend.”

Newgarden is in a tight title fight with six drivers separated by 52 points with four races remaining. His Team Penske teammate Will Power cycled into the lead for the third time this season after Indianapolis; Newgarden, with an IndyCar-high four wins this season, is 32 points behind his teammate.

Newgarden is passionate about IndyCar in Nashville and last year packed his schedule with pre-race appearances to promote the event debut. This year he cut back to only his fourth annual ping-pong tournament for charity. About a dozen of his fellow competitors played in the Thursday afternoon tournament. Newgarden’s team advanced to the final but lost.

He said the charity tournament was a priority. Newgarden, via an IndyCar bonus program, already earned a \$1 million prize this season and \$500,000 was split between two charities of his choice. The tournament also benefited the two charities, Wags and Walks of Nashville and the SeriousFun Children’s Network.

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NASCAR to stop those expenses is to stop the games.”

That message was delivered throughout the RFK shop after Keselowski was penalized.

“We went through our entire company and said ‘No more games. Nothing goes on in these cars, period,’” he said. “There’s a lot of people inside our own company that didn’t like it, but the reality is NASCAR is setting precedents that needed to be set, that we support being set, that are important to the future of our industry and its viability.”

And even though he’s not expecting great things for RFK on Sunday, where the Next Gen will make its

Michigan debut with a new tire compound from supplier Goodyear, Keselowski won’t stop pushing.

He really wants to win at his home track, where he is 0-for-24, and has personal streaks on the line as well. Keselowski has won at least one race a year every season since 2011, but is winless so far, and he needs a victory to extend his streak of playoff appearances to nine consecutive years.

He’s not sure what to expect out of Sunday’s 400-miler at Michigan.

“I don’t know what to tell you to expect with the new car, different tires, very little practice,” Keselowski said. “It could be complete and utter chaos. It could be the best race ever. It could be somewhere in between. I don’t know. I think that’s in some ways part of the fun

of Next Gen is the complete uncertainty every week, what’s going to happen.”

### Odds and ends

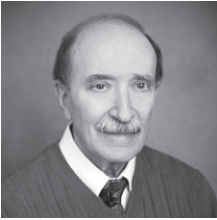
Ryan Blaney sits second in the points standings and is the defending winner at Michigan. But he doesn’t have a points-paying win yet this season and needs one to lock down his spot in the playoffs. ... A victory would make Blaney the 11th driver to win consecutive races at Michigan. ... Richard Childress Racing heads into the race with two wins in five races from Tyler Reddick, including last weekend at Indianapolis. RCR will field a car Sunday for Austin Hill to make his Cup debut. Hill will do double-duty and also run Saturday in the Xfinity Series race. .... Chase Elliott is the early favorite, per FanDuel.

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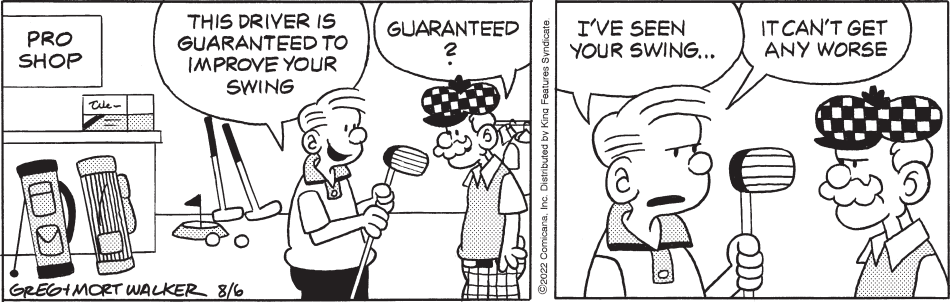
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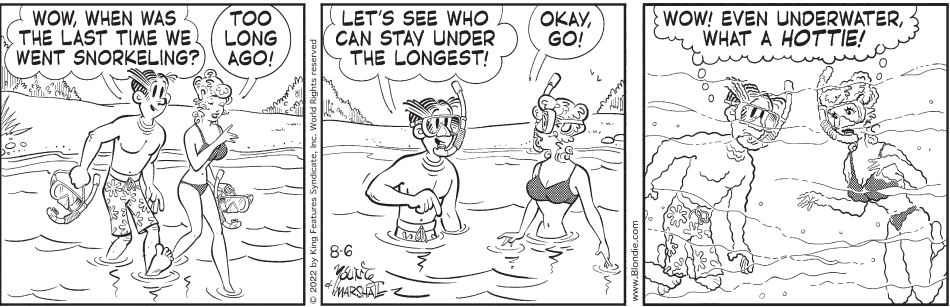
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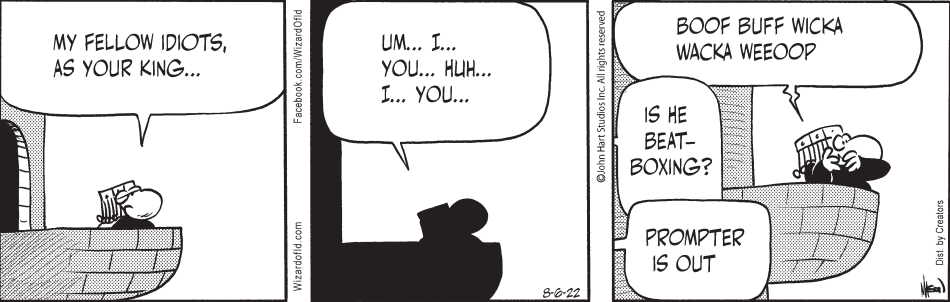
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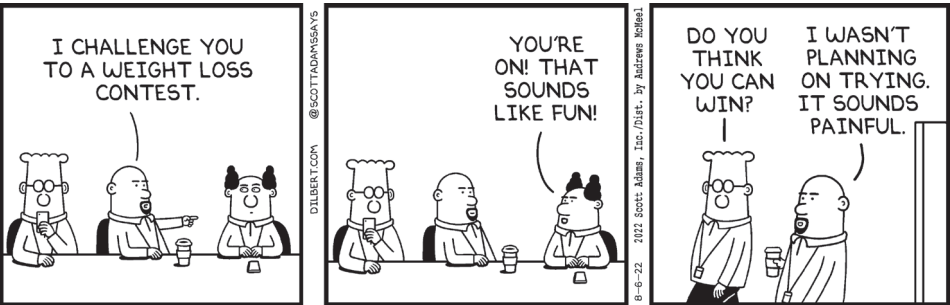
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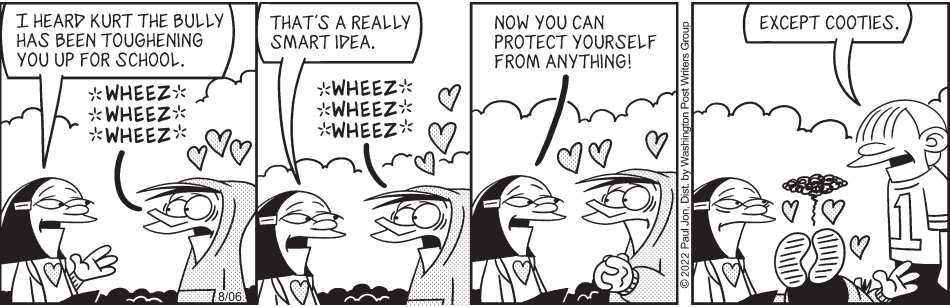
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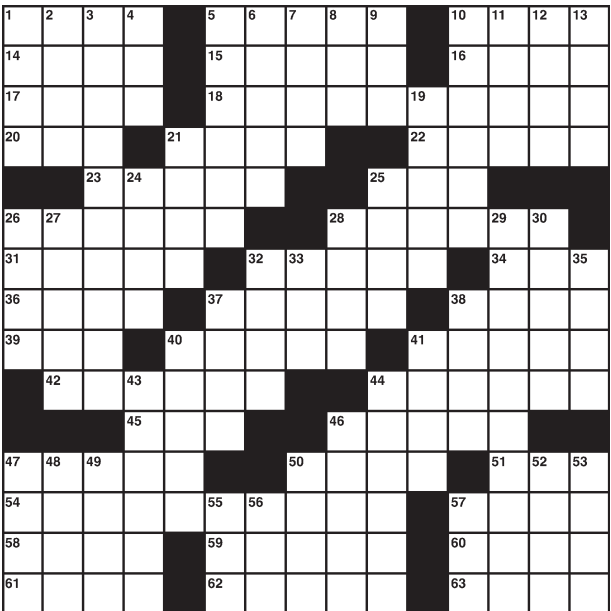
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A veterinarian never gets used to animal loss

**DEAR AMY:** I know you are an animal lover, and so I would appreciate your perspective on this.

I'm a veterinarian and always offer sincere condolences when a client loses a pet – I will send a card, make a donation to an animal charity, and often follow up with an email or phone call.

Recently I lost my much-loved dog and have been slightly appalled at the reactions of people I have known for many years.

A very few have offered condolences. The general attitude has been that I "should be used to it."

Amy, a veterinarian never gets used to it. It is such a helpless feeling to not be able to cure your own pet, even when you logically know that everything possible has been done.

I am trying not to have hard feelings over this, but it's difficult. – Grace

**DEAR GRACE:** I am so very sorry. Every person who has said goodbye to a beloved pet grieves the loss of a companion and friendship connection that is very hard to describe, but should be easy to understand. Losing this connection brings on a special sort of heartbreak.

I'll quote the late great poet Mary Oliver, whose collection "Dog Songs: Poems" (2015, Penguin) is a tender, touching, and funny tribute to the dogs who romped through her life:

"Because of the dog's joyfulness, our own is increased. It is no small gift."

You should not have to interrupt your own grieving in order to continue to educate humans about animal loss, and yet – if the people in your world aren't giving you what you need right now, perhaps you should let them know.

You might say, "My own experience treating animals has not hardened my heart toward any pet's suffering and death – and certainly my own dog's."

I will never get used to this sort of loss, and I hope you can understand that. In fact, I could use a little TLC myself right now."

**DEAR AMY:** I started dating my husband back in 2012. We've been married now for six years.

We have both been married in the past and have adult children.

He and his ex were married for 13 years. They have two boys that I have helped to raise. They are now adults.

My husband's ex-wife is a wonderful person, she truly is. She is very close with my mother-in-law and remains in her life, which is fine.

My problem is that I have just now started to meet the "family" and I still don't know all of them.

Whenever there is a family function on his side, my husband's ex is always invited.

I feel like no one will ever know me because she is still always there at all the functions.

We have a graduation party to go to and she is also invited to that.

I don't have a problem with her personally, but would like to experience family things with just that ... family.

Am I being too much? – The Now Wife

**DEAR WIFE:** Your husband's ex has remained very close

with his family – and this could be a nice result for families that can manage it. Most can't.

But think of it this way: If she was a sister-in-law or close family friend who was present at every family gathering, her presence wouldn't prevent you from getting to know everyone any more than any other individual's presence would.

Basically, I'm suggesting that you ignore her status as your husband's long-ago ex, and concentrate on your own best behavior.

Be cool, be calm, ask good questions, and let your in-laws see your sparkle.

You will further cement these relationships by hosting some of your in-laws at your own home in smaller groups (it is not necessary to invite your husband's ex). Little by little, absent these larger gatherings, you would build experiences with them individually.

**DEAR AMY:** I read with interest your response to the "Greg in Minnesota," who was concerned about the increased pollution caused by individuals idling cars in parking lots.

The writer mentioned knocking on the offender's window to confront them.

If I were giving him advice, in addition to the statistics you stated, I would say "don't!"

You don't know who you are confronting. Are they angry, frustrated, intoxicated, high on drugs, carrying a firearm? You don't know how they are going to react to being confronted! – Concerned

**DEAR CONCERNED:** Absolutely! Based on the wording of his letter, I assumed that "Greg" was no longer personally confronting people. I certainly hope so.

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 6, 2022**

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Get into your zone. Once you have found the right rhythm, you should be able to handle your obligations and please your loved ones at the same time. Keep your commitments to uphold your reputation.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A frustrating task may incline you to confront the value of your efforts. Something may challenge you to grab a shovel to deal with the dirt. Be appreciative of the support you receive from loved ones.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** If there is a project to tackle or an idea to discuss, two heads are better than one today. Loved ones could have faith in your quick thinking and intelligence, and you should sparkle during group outings and social events.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Enjoy things that are meant to last – stay in synch with loved ones and focus on enduring values. Familiar things can give confidence. A new haircut or outfit can make you feel bright and shiny.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** New and uplifting ideas, and people who demonstrate their trust in you, can make you want to do your very best. You might be in the spotlight in a public venue where you can quickly captivate everyone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** If you have faith, true love and romance can come home to roost. A partner or loved one might occasionally feel out of alignment, but there could be something enduring and timeless to experience.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Talk things through before you take action. Conversations with a romantic partner can take on new significance as the solution to a problem is illuminated. Improve your net worth by listening to excellent advice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** It is easy to overcome minor differences with your mate or loved ones. You will find that a few probing questions can reveal someone's underlying motives and promote understanding. Learn from any criticisms.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

Rather than sitting at home alone, let family gatherings or local social events set the scene for fun. A partner or loved one can offer sound advice and solid support if you have a financial dilemma.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Focus on finding common ground. You can't successfully negotiate a deal or enjoy someone's company unless both parties benefit. Discuss your needs openly even if you tend to hide them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You may want a steady diet of companionship even hanging out in front of the TV, and even though you usually take pride in being independent. It might be time to clean up or decorate your home for some important guests.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You may become more attuned to the moods and feelings of loved ones. Clarify any goals and dreams that are so entwined with those of a romantic partner that you can't distinguish between their dreams and yours.



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Notice of Public Hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Wabash, Indiana

Notice is hereby given on the 2nd day of August, 2022, Lauren McWhirt(Petitioner's name) filed with the Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of Wabash, Indiana, a petition requesting an appeal of a decision by the Building Commissioner of the City of Wabash, Indiana, to-wit: for the grant of a (special exception)(variance).

The location and description of the property for which the Variance has been requested is 1721 S Wabash St. Wabash, IN. 46992. (Legal Description) Part of Reserve Number Eighteen (18), In Township 27 North, Range 6 East, In the City of Wabash, More Particularly Bounded and Described as Follows: Beginning at A Point on the East Right of Way Line of State Rd 15, Said Point Being North 01 Degree 22 Minutes West, 1343.30 Feet North of The South Line of Said Reserve; Thence Continuing North 01 Degree 22 Minutes West, 100 Feet; Thence East 200 Feet; Thence South 01 Degree 22 Minutes East, 100 Feet; Thence West 200 Feet to the Place of Beginning. Containing 0.46 of an Acre, More or Less.

The description of the action requested in the petition is (state that it is a variance or special exception and describe the variance or special exception in detail)

Description of Action Requested:

There is a 16ft by 38 ft older addition on the main structure that will be demolished. A new 24 ft by 40 ft addition will be built and added to main structure.

A Variance is requested for the 24 ft by 40 ft addition to the main building. The existing wall on the south side of the property does not meet the ordinance for a 10 ft setback requirement. The existing building is 6 ft from the south property line and the new addition wall would also be 6 ft from the south property line.

The petition and all necessary information relating thereto will be available for public inspection in the office of the Building Commission of the City of Wabash, Indiana, Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday of each week until the date of the hearing of the petition.

A public hearing will be held by said Board on the 18th day of August, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in the Wabash City Hall, 202 South Wabash Street, Wabash, Indiana, at which time all interested persons will have the opportunity to be heard on the matters set forth in the petition

James Straws CBI, CFI , CPE Building Commissioner

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT COUNTY NUMBER 85 SCHOOL CORPORATION NUMBER 8060 SCHOOL CORPORATION NAME WABASH CITY SCHOOLS ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS REPORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: CONTACT PERSON'S NAME: STEPHEN DAFOE, SECRETARY TELEPHONE NUMBER 260 563-2151 Assessed Valuation and Tax Rates Calendar Years 2020 and 2021				
Assessed Valuation	Year 2020 \$208,050,644.00	Year 2021 \$218,255,744.00		
Tax Rate - Education Fund		N/A		
Tax Rate - Referendum Fund		N/A		
Tax Rate - Debt Service Fund	\$\$.000006706	\$.000008164		
Tax Rate - Retirement/ Severance Bond Debt Service Fund		N/A		
Tax Rate - Operations Fund	\$.000007724	\$.000008328		
Tax Rate - Exempt Debt Service Fund		N/A		
Statement of Indebtedness Calendar Years 2021			STUDENT ENROLLMENT SEPTEMBER 17, 2021	
Indebtedness	Principal Outstanding	Grade Level	Enrollment	
TEMPORARY LOANS		Pre-School Ages 0-2 (PW)	.00	
SCHOOL BONDS		Pre-Kindergarten Ages 3 - 5 (PK)	108.00	
EMERGENCY LOANS		Kindergarten	114.00	
SCHOOL BUS LOANS	296,933.68	Grade 1	91.00	
HOLDING COMPANY - PUBLIC & PRIVATE	21,205,000.00	Grade 2	104.00	
VETERANS MEMORIAL LOANS		Grade 3	112.00	
COMMON SCHOOL LOANS		Grade 4	107.00	
INDIANA BOND BANK/ANTICIPATED NOTES		Grade 5	125.00	
RETIREMENT/SEVERANCE BOND DEBT		Grade 6	103.00	
BANK LOANS OR DLGF APPROVED DEBT		Grade 7	124.00	
QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS (ARRA)		Grade 8	116.00	
QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS (ARRA)		Grade 9	126.00	
TOTAL	21,501,933.68	Grade 10	124.00	
		Grade 11	121.00	
		Grade 12	101.00	
		Grade 12+/Adult (13)	.00	
		Total	1,576.00	
Summary of the Annual Financial Report for Calendar Year 2021				
Corp #: 8060	Corp Name: WABASH CITY SCHOOLS			
The Annual Financial Report in its entirety can be viewed on the school corporation website at: www.apaches.k12.in.us				
Receipts and Expenditure Comparisons Calendar Year 2021				
Fund Name	Budget Receipts	Actual Receipts	Budget Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
EDUCATION FUND	\$23,282,956.00	\$22,995,395.86	\$9,733,177.12	\$11,834,888.97
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$294,845.00	\$2,038,199.87	\$1,550,500.00	\$1,549,160.48
OPERATIONS FUND	\$4,142,669.00	\$3,284,244.17	\$3,568,774.00	\$4,028,013.56
GRAND TOTAL	\$27,720,470.00	\$28,317,839.90	\$14,852,451.12	\$17,412,063.01
Minimum Teacher Salary Range	\$38,220.00			
Maximum Teacher Salary Range	\$65,000.00			
Non-Certified Employee Classifications and Range of Pay Rates 2021 - 2022				
High School Extracurricular Salaries:		Classifications		
		I. Instructional and Supplementary Pupil Services Range of Pay Rates		
Position	Amount			
ATHLETIC EVENTS SUPERVISOR	\$1,377.00	A. Library Aides	11.00	15.65
UNIFIED TRACK COACH	\$1,000.00	B. Kindergarten Aides	11.00	15.65
UNIFIED FOOTBALL COACH	\$1,000.00	C. Special Education Aides	11.00	15.65
MS CO-ED SOCCER (HEAD)	\$1,836.00	D. Prime Time Aides	11.00	11.00
MENTOR TEACHER	\$1,020.00	E. Pre-Kindergarten/Head Start Aides	11.00	15.65
MENTOR TEACHER (1/2)	\$510.00	F. Educational Enterprises		
GRADE LEVEL TEAM LEADER 1/2	\$348.50	G. Other		
EXTRA CLASS: PHOTOGRAPHY	\$4,080.00	II. Cafeteria and Food Services		
DUAL CREDIT (5) @ 765	\$3,825.00	A. Managers/Head Cooks	12.00	14.00
DUAL CREDIT (2) @ 765	\$1,530.00	B. School Food Service Director	45,739.00	45,739.00
DUAL CREDIT (4) @ 765	\$3,060.00	C. All Other Food Service Employees	11.00	16.30
WCS TESTING COORDINATOR	\$2,500.00	III. Health Services		
ENTREPRENEURSHIP STIPEND	\$5,000.00	A. Nurses	32,319.00	39,966.00
IREAD STIPEND	\$1,000.00	B. Other	20.00	20.00
PARAPROFESSIONAL SUPERVISOR	\$1,000.00	IV. Office/Clerical/Secretarial		
AUDITORIUM MANAGER	\$995.00		11.15	17.34
DIRECTOR OF PLTW	\$995.00	V. Executive/Administrative/Accounting		
NATNL JR. HONOR SOCIETY SPONSO	\$1,000.00	A. Business Manager	22.00	22.33
ROBOTICS CLUB SPONSOR	\$328.00	B. Buildings and Grounds Director	45,000.00	61,902.00
BOOK CLUB	\$457.00	C. Community Relations/Publicity Director	5,000.00	5,000.00
ART CLUB	\$457.00	D. Other		
FITNESS CLUB	\$457.00	VI. Maintenance/Custodial/Warehouse/Security/Transportation		
CHOIR (MUSIC CLUB)	\$457.00	A. Building Custodians	14.30	20.30
NATIONAL ELEM HONOR SOCIETY	\$1,000.00	B. Bus Drivers	80.00	90.00
ELEMENTARY PERFORMANCES	\$612.00	C. Other	11.00	15.00
OVERSEEING TUTORING PROGRAM	\$2,000.00	VII. Computer Services		
WABASH COUNTY PROMISE LEAD	\$500.00		23,460.00	25,000.00
ROBOTIC TEAM SPONSOR (ELEMEN)	\$1,133.00	VIII. Other		
BUILDING INFORMATION LIAISON	\$510.00			
ASST FORENSIC SPONSOR	\$1,200.00	Certified Administrative Staff		
E-SPORTS (3)	\$1,000.00	In effect JULY 01, 2021		
MOWING OF FOOTBALL FIELD	\$2,000.00	Lowest Salary   Highest Salary   Average Salary		
MENTOR TEACHER	\$1,020.00	Administrative Staff   \$56,766.00   \$114,000.00   \$83,211.00		
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT CERTIFICATION				
I hereby certify that the annual financial report is true and accurate in every respect to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that all contracts, vouchers, and bills for all payments made by the school corporation are in its possession and open to public inspection.				
Date:	Signature: Stephen Dafoe Secretary, Board of School Trustees Wabash City Schools 189 West Market Street, P.O. Box 744 Wabash, IN 46992-0744			
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Summary of the Annual Financial Report for Calendar Year 2021 Corp #: 8050 Corp Name: M.S.D. of Wabash County The Annual Financial Report in its entirety can be viewed on the school corporation website at: https://www.msdlwc.org/about/finance				

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# Lifestyles

## GRETCHEN'S TABLE



Thinly sliced zucchini stands in for pasta noodles in these vegetarian lasagna roll ups.

Gretchen McKay / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette / TNS

# Zucchini lasagna roll-ups put the summer squash to work

By **GRETCHEN MCKAY**  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

Zucchini is among the most prolific of summer vegetables, in large part because it’s so easy for even beginner gardeners to grow. It’s especially popular here in Pittsburgh, where thin, fried ribbons of the thin-skinned squash served with a side of marinara sauce made its tasty debut in the 1950s, and is now considered a classic appetizer in red sauce Italian restaurants.

But what if you’re looking for something that tastes a little more seasonal?

This vegetarian lasagna exemplifies summer by pairing super-thin slices of zucchini with a super-simple tomato sauce and lots of creamy ricotta. Only instead of layering the “noodles” in a stack, they’re rolled up, egg roll-style. The result is a low-carb, no-cal dish that’s both colorful and healthful.

Using a mandoline is the easiest way to create thin, even slices of zucchini (go slow, and watch your fingers!), but you also could

also use a sharp knife if you have nimble hands. Depending on how tightly you pack the lasagna pan, you may have enough zucchini and filling to make an extra half pan of roll-ups – I did.

I used olive oil infused with Calabrian chili peppers for a little extra oomph. So good!

### Zucchini Lasagna Roll-Ups

**For marinara:**  
1 28-ounce can whole peeled plum tomatoes  
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and halved  
2 large cloves garlic, peeled  
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
Pinch of dried oregano  
Salt and pepper

**For lasagna:**  
4-5 large zucchini  
Salt and pepper  
16-ounce container ricotta  
1 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella, divided  
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan, divided, plus more for passing  
1 large egg  
Handful fresh basil, sliced very thin  
Pinch red pepper flakes, or more to taste

Make marinara sauce: In a medium saucepan or Dutch oven, combine the tomatoes (with their juices), onion, whole garlic cloves, olive oil and oregano. Bring the sauce to a simmer over medium-high heat, then reduce heat to low. Simmer sauce for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until it is thick and fragrant. Remove onion and then smoosh the cooked garlic with a fork and then stir into the sauce. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Keep slightly chunky or puree with an immersion blender if you like your sauce smooth. (Sauce can be made a day or two ahead of time and refrigerated.)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Using a mandoline or very sharp knife, slice zucchini lengthwise into 1/8 -inch-thick strips, sprinkle with a little salt, then place strips in a colander or on a paper towel-lined baking sheet to drain for at least 15 minutes. (This will draw out any excess water.)

In a small bowl, stir together ricotta, 3/4 cup shredded mozza-

rella, 1/2 cup Parmesan, egg, basil and pepper flakes. Taste, then season with salt and pepper.

Rinse zucchini under cold water then spread out on paper towels and pat dry. Depending on the length of the strips, you may want to cut each in half. (I used 6-inch strips of zucchini for the roll-ups.)

Spread enough marinara to cover the bottom of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish (about 1/3 cup). Spoon about 1 tablespoon of ricotta mixture on top of a zucchini slice, then roll up until tightly closed. Place in baking dish. Repeat with remaining zucchini slices, making sure the roll-ups are packed together closely. When dish is full, cover roll-ups with 1 cup marinara sauce, or more if you like a saucy lasagna.

Sprinkle the zucchini rolls with remaining 3/4 cup mozzarella and 1/4 cup Parmesan. Bake until zucchini is tender and cheese has melted and turned golden in spots, about 20 minutes. Serve with crusty bread and a green salad, and more grated Parmesan for passing.

Serves 6-8.

## QUICK FIX

# Zucchini noodles star in summer ‘pasta’ salad

By **LINDA GASSENHEIMER**  
Tribune News Service (TNS)

Doctored up rotisserie or bought cooked chicken breast and used zucchini noodles to make this very quick and easy “pasta” salad. Zucchini is at its peak now, and here is a great way to use it. You can buy the zucchini noodles in the market or make your own using a spiralizer. There’s almost no cooking needed for this summer dish.

The salad is dressed with a mayonnaise sauce. Adding a little warm water to mayonnaise creates a smooth sauce that can be used in many recipes.

## Chicken and Zucchini Noodles ‘Pasta’ Salad

- 3 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons warm water
- 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 cup green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 8 ounces zucchini noodles (about 2 cups)
- 3/4 pound bought rotisserie or cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup sliced scallions
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 1 cup)
- 2 slices whole wheat baguette
- Mix mayonnaise with warm water until smooth.
- Mix in the horseradish and honey. Add half the basil pieces and reserve the rest to add to the finished salad. Microwave the green beans for one minute. Add the zucchini noodles, green beans, chicken, scallions and red bell pepper to a large bowl. Add the mayonnaise dressing and mix in with the salad ingredients. Divide the salad between two dinner plates and sprinkle the remaining basil pieces on top. Serve with the baguette.
- Yield 2 servings.
- Linda Gassenheimer is the author of over 30 cookbooks, including her newest, “The 12-Week Diabetes Cookbook.” Listen to Linda on [www.WDNA.org](#) and all major podcast sites. Email her at [Linda@DinnerInMinutes.com](#).

# Mega Millions or mama’s money, here’s how to manage a windfall

What would you do if you had a stroke of financial good fortune during economic uncertainty?

A Mega Millions jackpot of over \$1 billion sent people rushing to pay \$2 a ticket for a chance at a lifetime of financial security.

While it’s highly unlikely you will ever win big in the lottery, it’s OK to imagine getting rid of credit card debt that’s been hanging around like chronic back pain. Or maybe you can finally afford a home or help others who are struggling to manage with higher consumer prices.

It’s no wonder people are hoping for micro-wave wealth. Folks fear a recession is coming or may already be here and are worried about how to deal with rising inflation and consumer prices.

But lotteries don’t favor the masses. Big winners are extremely rare, and sometimes these mega jackpots can ruin lives. Games of chance sell dreams of

instant riches that, unfortunately, appeal to people who can least afford to play.

In reality, more people are likely to get a windfall from an inheritance, insurance payout or from winning a lawsuit. Maybe next year your tax refund will be unexpectedly large.

If managed well, this bonus money can do some good. If not, your sudden wealth could leave you just as quickly broke.

Several callers to my toll-free line (1-855-ASK-POST or 1-855-275-7678) have asked how to handle a windfall.

“I have waited four years to get a legal settlement involving being fired from my job,” Maryland resident Rebecca Ebaugh said when she called the toll-free line. “Now that it’s coming into reality, I don’t even know whether I should try to invest it with the economy being so perilous right now. What would you do with close to \$100,000?”

Here’s what I would and have done after receiving a windfall.

Pause. Put the brakes on an impulse to spend right away. Even if you’re deep in debt, wait.

**The tax man could come for some of your money. Generally, money received from the settlement of lawsuits and other legal remedies is taxable income unless exempted, according to the IRS.**

Don’t rush any decision until you’ve looked at your entire financial situation. Maybe you need to build up your emergency fund – even just a little – rather than using all the money to get rid of your credit card debt.

You still need a rainy-day fund. Otherwise, should a financial crisis hit you with no savings, you would be back in debt.

Getting bonus money could make you a bit reckless, so pausing gives you time to consider how best to use the funds.

We also tend to think of a windfall differently, as if it’s not real but play-only money. Pausing helps you resist the temptation to fritter it away.

Park it. Put the money in an interest-bearing account at a bank or credit union. You want something safe and short-term while you decide what to do with the money.

That’s what Ebaugh did.

She parked her settlement in a money market account.

Two sites to find the deposit accounts with the best rates are [bankrate.com](#) and [Investopedia.com](#).

Plan. Take some time to develop a financial plan. Consider future financial needs, such as college tuition for your children, retirement, charitable contributions or relatives you’d like to assist. Once you think things through, you might realize that your first instinct to splurge on an expensive car or luxury vacation is not the best use of the funds.

Pay for professional help. Find a tax adviser and a financial planner.

The tax man could come for some of your money. Generally, money received from the settlement of lawsuits and other legal remedies is taxable income unless exempted, according to the IRS.

“For damages, the two most common exceptions

are amounts paid for certain discrimination claims and amounts paid on account of physical injury,” the agency explains on [irs.gov](#).

Ebaugh, 67, whose claims against her former employer included age and disability discrimination, said she’s consulting with her tax accountant to determine her tax liability. She’s set aside 30 percent of the settlement for taxes just in case.

If you are unsure how to handle a large lump sum of money, consider hiring a financial planner. You can find a fee-only financial adviser by going to the website of the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors ([napfa.org](#)).

Ebaugh talked to her financial adviser and has wisely invested her funds.

Put philanthropy in perspective. When money drops in your hands, it’s amazing how many hands start reaching out for help.

Charitable giving can be part of your windfall financial plan.

But be careful that your giving doesn’t enable irresponsible family and friends. If you decide to share your wealth, set aside

a specific amount of money you are willing to give – not lend. Stick to that limit.

Give out of your extra. Don’t be guilt-tripped into giving more than you can afford.

Party. It’s OK if you aren’t mired in debt or behind on your savings goals to have fun with your bonus money.

Ebaugh said her long legal battle made her very reluctant to celebrate her victory. I encouraged her to splurge a little.

“My husband made me promise that we were going to have a blowout meal, and we are going to do that,” Ebaugh said.

Call Michelle Singletary at 1-800-Ask-Post. Readers can also write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is [michelle.singletary@washpost.com](#). Follow her on Twitter ([@SingletaryM](#)) or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary](#)). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.





Amy Beth Bennett / South Florida Sun Sentinel / TNS

Court deputies exit vans that transported jurors to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, on Thursday, to view the "1200 building," the crime scene where the 2018 shootings took place.

## What is the fate of the Parkland shooting site now that jurors have visited it?

**By ALEXANDER LUGO**  
Miami Herald (TNS)

PARKLAND, Fla. — On Thursday, jurors for the murder trial of the Parkland shooter visited the site of the shooter's rampage, where they witnessed dried blood in the same spots some of the victims died along with desks and walls that still had bullet holes.

The three-story freshman building at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High has been sealed off and has remained intact since the 2018 Valentine's Day shooting. At the site, jurors saw Valentine's Day cards scattered throughout the school along with a teddy bear and other personal belongings students left behind that day.

The old building has since been replaced with a new \$18 million building and a memorial to victims sits next to the high school's sign – but what is the fate of the old building and the planned permanent memorial?

## The fate of the Parkland site

The freshman building where the Parkland shooting took place will be demolished.

But when that will occur still remains uncertain. The first step will be when the Broward County State Attorney's Office, which is prosecuting confessed killer Nikolas Cruz, releases the building, according to Broward County Public Schools.

The State Attorney's Office could not comment on when that might happen. It's highly unlikely before a verdict in the long-awaited sentencing trial for Cruz, a decision on whether he will be executed or spend the rest of his life in prison. The trial is expected to last several more months.

The four-year delay stands in contrast to a decision made in the wake of the 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting. The elementary school in Newtown, Con-

necticut, was demolished less than a year after the tragedy and was replaced with a new \$50 million school. But in that case, the shooter never went to trial because he killed himself after the shooting and there was no legal need to preserve the site.

Residents of that community approved a memorial garden off site from the original school and construction began almost a year ago, according to the Newtown Bee.

## The fate of the Parkland memorial

In Parkland, community members have made a few temporary memorials for victims over the years, but the school district has money from the state to eventually build a permanent memorial bigger than one now outside the school.

Similar to the Sandy Hook memorial, the Parkland memorial honoring the 17 victims is planned to

be built off site, said Keyla Concepción, a spokesperson for the Broward school system.

The state gave \$1 million to the district for the memorial, which is being planned by The Parkland 17 Memorial Foundation, according to Concepción. The foundation did not immediately provide a statement on when or where the memorial will be built.

## Demolition now a recommended step

In 2019, Jeffco Public Schools, which manages Columbine High School, the site of the infamous 1999 school shooting in Colorado, sent a survey to residents asking whether the school should be torn down.

The school system had proposed the demolition a few months after a Surfside teen allegedly made threats against the school and traveled to Colorado armed.

## Economist: Alex Jones, his company worth up to \$270 million

**By JIM VERTUNO**  
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his company Freedom Speech Systems are worth up to \$270 million, an economist testified Friday to a jury trying to determine if Jones should have to pay punitive damages to the family of a 6-year-old killed in the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings.

The same jury ordered Jones to pay Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis \$4.1 million in compensation for defamation. Jurors began considering additional punitive damages Friday as a separate issue. The parents wanted to punish Jones for a decade of pushing false hoax claims that they say led to a decade of trauma and abuse from the Infowars host's followers.

Bernard Pettingill, who was hired by the plaintiffs to study Jones' net worth, said records show that Jones withdrew \$62 million for himself in 2021, when default judgments were issued in lawsuits against him.

"That number represents, in my opinion, a value of a net worth," Pettingill said. "He's got money put in a bank account somewhere."

The money that flows into Jones' companies eventually funnels its way to him, said Pettingill, who added that he has testified in approximately 1,500 cases during his career.

“He is a very successful man,” Pettingill said, calling Jones a “maverick” and “revolutionary” for finding ways to monetize his online messaging.

While the \$4.1 million award Thursday was less than the \$150 million the parents sought, it marked the first time Jones has been held financially liable for repeatedly claiming that the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history was a hoax perpetrated to try to bring about tighter gun restrictions.

Mark Bankston, an attorney for Heslin and Lewis, whose 6-year-old son Jesse was among 20 children and six educators killed in the school attack in Newtown, Connecticut, insisted that the \$4.1 million compensation award wasn't a disappointment and warned that they would be trying to punish Jones in the next phase.

"We aren't done yet," Bankston said Thursday. "After tomorrow, he's going to owe a whole lot more."

Another of the plaintiffs' attorneys, Wesley Ball, asked jurors in closing Friday to award an additional \$145.9 million, which would bring the total amount in damages to that \$150 million target.

“You are asked to punish Alex Jones,” Ball said. “You are asked to deter Alex Jones from ever doing this awful thing again to another person or another family – to deter anyone who wants to step into his shoes.”

“Send the message to those who desire to do the same: Speech is free. Lies, you pay for,” he said.

But Jones' lawyers said their client has already learned his lesson, and asked for lenience. The jury's punishment should be less than \$300,000, attorney Andino Reynal said.

“You’ve already sent a message. A message for the first time to a talk show host, to all talk show hosts, that their standard of care has to change,” Reynal said.

Jones still faces two other defamation lawsuits from Sandy Hook families in Texas and Connecticut that put his personal wealth and media empire in jeopardy.

Jones – who was in the courtroom briefly Friday but left before Pettigill's testimony – told jurors earlier this week that any award over \$2 million would “sink us.” And a week ago, his company, Free Speech Systems, which is Infowars' parent company, filed for federal bankruptcy protection.

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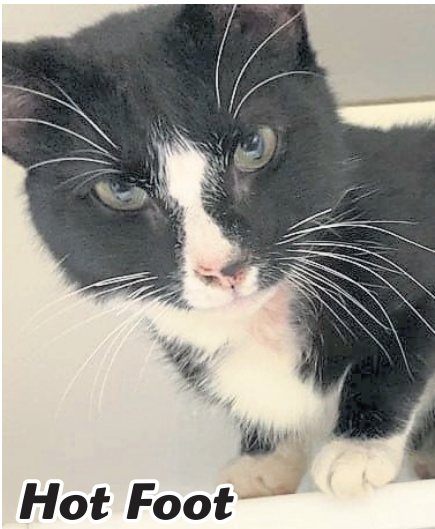
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